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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
ST. LOUIS PUBLIC FREE LIBRARY.

1894.

PUBLIC FREE LIBRARY.

To the Honorable the Mayor of the City of St. Louis:

SIR — We hereby make our first annual report.

The history of the movement on the part of the tax-payers of St. Louis in taking the necessary steps by which the provisions of the act of the General Assembly of the State, approved in 1885, known as the "Missouri Library Law," could be made available, are familiar to all. The object to be attained, viz.: the establishment in St. Louis of a Public Library which should be absolutely free to all, was deemed of the utmost importance; and way for its accomplishment was finally provided.

The question whether the property owners would permit the small proportion of their taxes to be set apart for this purpose was submitted to the legal voters at the regular election in April, 1893; and the proposition was carried by a large majority.

The mayor in accordance with the law, appointed, with the approval of your honorable body, a board of nine directors. As the proceeds from the tax levy were not available until near the end of 1893, only preliminary work could be done. The board organized, and proceeded, with the aid of its secretary, Mr. Crunden, to prepare rules and familiarize itself with the requirements of the situation.

In the inception of this movement the St. Louis Board of Public Schools, under its then president, Mr. Gist Blair, took an active interest in the matter of the Free Library, the demands on the school funds being such that it seemed imperative that some way should be provided to relieve them of the Public Library, supported by annual appropriations.

The Board of Managers of the Public Library, composed of members of the School Board and persons elected by the life members, obtained during 1893 the written contract of the life members for the School Board to transfer the library to the city under the law.

Your board felt that it would be greatly to the advantage of all parties concerned if the existing Public Library could be placed in their hands and opened free to all as the nucleus of their work. We advised the School Board in November, 1893, that is to say, as soon as our income was available, of our willingness to arrange to accept the library and relieve them of the burden of its maintenance. The School Board did not take up the matter until January. There was such a difference in the views of the two boards as to the terms of the contract that much time was consumed in the transaction; and it was not until March 1 that the transfer was finally made upon the following terms:

The deeding to the city of everything pertaining to the library by the School Board, and leasing the sixth and seventh floors and a room on the second floor of the Board of Education Building to the Free Library board for a term of five years at an annual rental of \$5,000. On account of the fact that so many different interests were involved, such as certain bequests made to the School Board on specific conditions and their peculiar relations to the life members, the details furnished many difficult legal problems. In adjusting these technicalities, the Free Public Library Board was fortunate in having the gratuitous service of

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so able a jurist as the Hon. John W. Noble, who gave his advice and counsel and directed the forms of deed and lease.

The Board wish to take this opportunity to publicly acknowledge this great kindness to themselves and the community on the part of Gen. Noble. When the board of directors finally obtained possession of this library of 100,000 volumes, much was necessary to be done in order to prepare it for free use to the public. Thus, it was not till the first day of the present month, just one year from their appointment, that the wishes of the people could be realized and the city of St. Louis have in common with other cities, a free public library.

The Board was fortunate in being able to retain the services, as librarian, of Mr. Frederick M. Crunden, who stands easily in the front rank in his profession, and possesses the confidence and esteem of this community in a marked degree. His report, herewith submitted, will furnish the statistical information regarding the property of the Library, the condition of its funds, etc., required by law.

Believing, with our predecessors, that the value of the Library was in its present condition fully \$100,000, we continue the insurance on the same basis, that is, \$75,000.

We submit with this report a copy of the rules adopted.

We call special attention to the facility afforded every one to obtain the use of the library. Every citizen of St. Louis and every one having employment in the city though a resident of the suburbs, and also every tax-payer, whether a resident or not, can, on application, obtain a Reader's Card. No rigid exactions are made, and there are no rules not rendered necessary for the protection of the library and its patrons. It has been the sole desire of the board to extend to the public, who are owners of the library, every facility for making use of the same.

Suggestions for the improvement of its management are solicited and will have careful consideration.

The Board lost one of its members by death. Mrs. Elizabeth H. Noble was suddenly stricken and died in the midst of active energetic work in behalf of the Library. Her valuable suggestions were most helpful and will be noticeable in the future work of the institution.

Respectfully submitted,

O. L. WHITELOW,
President.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to submit herewith my first report as your executive officer, covering the period of your administration of the Library up to April 30, the end of the fiscal year. As the transfer of the Library was not effected till March 1, the statistics embodied in this report are for the months of March and April only. These months being a part of the period of preparation for the work of the Free Library, I have, as Librarian, little to record. As Secretary, however, I have thought it might be desirable and proper for me to present a succinct account of the year of organization and preparation that ended May 31.

The history of the movement that led to the vote of April 4, 1893, in favor of a free library, has already been published in my report for 1891-92, as Librarian of the late Board of Managers. Mayor Walbridge promptly appointed the Board of Directors in accordance with the provisions of the statute. On Saturday, July 1, 1893, immediately upon the confirmation of the appointments, the Board met and organized by choosing O. L. Whitelaw, President; T. A. Meysenburg, Vice-President and F. M. Crunden, Secretary, and drawing lots for the respective terms of the members. A committee was appointed to prepare a code of by-laws for the government of the Board and rules for the public. At this meeting the first volume owned by the St. Louis Public (Free) Library was presented by Col. T. A. Meysenburg, Vice-President.

Before your Board could take possession of the existing Public Library and begin the actual administration of your trust, it was necessary that the Library fund should be available, and that the consent of the life members of the School Board should be obtained. Your Board was advised by Mr. F. N. Judson that the written consent of a majority of the life members was necessary to make the transfer. The task of securing these signatures was in the hands of the Board

of Managers; and it was not till the end of November, 1893, that an unquestionable majority of over 2,000 was obtained. In November the School Board was notified that your board would be ready to assume control of the Library as soon as it could be turned over. No action was taken by that body till January; and it was not till March 1 that the transfer was finally effected.

Meantime your committee on rules worked faithfully at its task, and prepared a code of by-laws, which after careful examination, was adopted by the Board, October 28, 1893. A body of rules and regulations was compiled and after a very thorough revision was adopted by the Board, March 10, 1894. The rules were already in type and were published at once in a pamphlet of 27 pages, which contains also an ordinance drawn by Mr. F. N. Judson, for the protection of Library property and a "Reader's Guide."

All preliminaries had been, so far as possible, arranged beforehand, but the active work of making the Library ready for the public use could not begin until it had passed to your control. This preparation included the following work:—

First—The walls and ceilings, which were bare plaster blackened with the smoke of two winters, had to be painted. This, with the preliminary taking of bids, occupied several weeks; and during the progress of the work, the rooms were in such confusion as to cause serious interruption to other operations.

Second—To provide for the expected large increase of readers, various alterations had to be made, which, with certain necessary repairs, required the employment of carpenters, metal workers and electricians.

Third—Additional furniture and appliances of a technical kind had to be ordered from the east.

Fourth—Numerous blanks were required, which took printers in St. Louis and elsewhere weeks to furnish. As soon as the necessary cards arrived, on April 26, the registration of readers was begun.

Fifth—Among these blanks and appliances were 75,000 book pockets and 75,000 book cards. On each pocket had to be written two numbers and a "catch-word," and the pocket had to be pasted into the book to which it belonged. This was a work of four weeks, all available members of the regular staff being assigned to the writing and three binder's apprentices being employed for the pasting. In doing this every volume in the circulating department had to be carried to the room where the work was done and afterwards replaced in its proper position. When this job was finished every one that could be spared, together with five young women employed temporarily, was set to work writing the book cards and inserting them in the pockets. On each card is written the class number, accession number, author and title. The books by truck-loads were again removed from the shelves of the Library and again replaced in proper order. Meanwhile the old members and the public who came to use the reading-room and reference department were served as usual, requiring the time of a majority of the regular staff. If the Library could have been closed, the preparations to meet the demands of a larger patronage could have been completed sooner—not proportionately, however, since the fulfillment of contracts by various mechanics and manufacturers constituted an essential factor that was beyond our control.

Sixth—For each person registering four blanks must be filled, one by the applicant and three by the library assistants, viz.: The "Registration Card," the "Reader's Card," the "Reader's Index" card and the "Guarantor's Index" card. For a registration of 3,000, therefore, 12,000 cards must be written, collated and arranged in proper alphabetical order in four separate series. Though the registration card is filled by the applicant, it takes as much time as any of the others, because it is necessary (in spite of printed directions) to give oral instructions to each individual. The giving out of readers' cards and the free issue of books to those who had previously registered, began June 1. Prior to this date two clerks had been engaged in the work of registration; now six are employed, four being members of the regular staff. Both regular assistants and temporary employes have worked extra time, and all have labored with most commendable zeal and assiduity. I think they may be proud, as I am pleased, with the results. The concentration upon the registration has drawn from the force previously employed on the book cards; but this work is, nevertheless, nearly completed.

It seems proper to state for the information of the public, that all this work was necessary for the protection of the Library property, for keeping an accu-

rate record of the books issued, and for their prompt delivery upon call. The charging system, which is essentially the same as that which was awarded the premium at the World's Fair, combines in the highest degree the two chief desiderata, speed and accuracy. The danger of errors is reduced to a minimum. The date when the book is due is stamped on the "reader's card," on the "book card," and on a "date slip," pasted on the fly-leaf of the book. The borrower can tell from his card, and from the slip, when the book is due; and by means of the "book card," which remains in the Library, it is easy to ascertain at any time what books are out, and what books are overdue. When the public understands the system and the staff has become perfectly familiar with its workings, from 200 to 300 volumes an hour can be received and as many issued.

One of the alterations referred to consisted in enlarging the "New Book Corner" and making another entrance from it to the stack. The juvenile collection has been removed to the shelves opposite this entrance; and our young folks will have free access to the books from 3 to 6 in the afternoon, with an assistant specially assigned to wait on them. This will secure to them better attention and also lessen the crowd at the regular issue desk. The arrangement of the desk has been changed by opening another window for receiving books and enlarging the space for the issue of books. The electric fixtures have been changed so as to afford much more light and at the same time protect the assistant's eyes. The shelves around three sides of the partition separating the delivery room from the stack have been inclosed to form closets for magazines and supplies; and additional shelving has been put in the medical room. Further additions are required in the technological room, the reference room and the public document room.

Among the devices and appliances that contribute to the improvement made in former methods, is the autographic cash register, by means of which an accurate and unquestionable account is kept of all money received at the desk. Whether \$5 for a lost book or 2 cents for a stamped return envelope, each item is recorded in triplicate, the original entry being handed to the payer as a receipt, the second put into the cash drawer of the receiving clerk and the third remaining locked in the machine.

This record of the year cannot be closed without mention of the great loss sustained by the Board in the death of one of its members. On Monday, March 19, the Board met in special session, and adopted the following memorial:—

"It becomes the sad duty of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library to record the sudden demise of Mrs. Elizabeth H. Noble. In her death the board has lost a faithful member, and the cause of popular education a zealous and devoted friend.

"It is fitting that we, as co-workers, bear public testimony to the fidelity, intelligent interest and practical sagacity that marked Mrs. Noble's discharge of her duties as a member of this Board, and that, as citizens, we express our appreciation of the loss sustained by the community in the death of so active a promoter of all movements for the elevation of humanity."

The time of the Board and the labor of its officers and employes being concentrated on efforts to make the treasures already accumulated accessible to the public, but little attention could be given to additions to the collection, and very few purchases were made. A large order for English books has been placed, and the Book Committee is awaiting bids on a still larger order for American publications. Through the thoughtfulness of the board of managers of the old Library, 1,000 copies of the "A. L. A. Catalogue" were secured. This is a catalogue of a collection of 5,000 volumes that formed the "model library" exhibited at the World's Fair. The selection was made by a committee of the American Library Association, and the list includes what that committee, in conjunction with other librarians throughout the country, judged to be the best books in each department. There is certainly no better guide for the general reader. It has been the first care of the book committee to obtain the books in this catalogue that were not already in the Library. The publication of the catalogue adds to the debt that the people of this country owe to Dr. Wm. T. Harris, United States Commissioner of Education. The special needs of young people are further provided for by a supply of "Sargent's Reading for the Young," a classified,

graded and annotated list of books for readers between the ages of eight and twenty years.

It is too soon to make definite predictions as to the increase in the use of the Library; but the registration thus far is sufficient evidence that the people of St. Louis are prepared to appreciate a Free Public Library.

I present herewith statistics showing the routine work of the Library during the months of March and April, those relating to receipts and expenditures, books on hand, books purchased and books lost or missing, being verified by affidavit, as required by the statute. The additions were chiefly donations; the issue has no significance, as it represents merely the diminished circulation of the old subscription library.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian and Secretary.

June 9, 1894.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

An inventory taken as carefully as was possible under unfavorable conditions showed the following contents of the Library on January 1, 1894:

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF MAIN LIBRARY.

Philosophy.....	1,059
Theology.....	3,721
Social and Political Science.....	13,171
Natural Science and Useful Arts.....	12,234
Art and Poetry.....	5,429
Fiction.....	12,141
Juvenile.....	4,662
Literary Miscellany.....	5,821
Geography and History.....	12,328
Cyclopaedias and Magazines.....	8,842
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	78,908
Collections of Duplicates.....	886
South Branch.....	1,909
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Total of entered books.....	81,708
Books not yet catalogued — chiefly the McAnally and medical collections (about).....	5,154
Unentered duplicates (about).....	3,300
Volumes of unbound magazines (about).....	975
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Total.....	91,132
Additions for March and April —	
By purchase.....	21
By gift.....	730
By binding of pamphlets.....	3
By binding of periodicals.....	54
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Total, May 1, 1894.....	91,940

ADDITIONS.

For March and April, 1894, classified.

Classes.	Reg. Lib.	Coll. of Dup.	Tls.
Philosophy.....	15	..	15
Theology.....	361	..	361
Social Science.....	60	..	60
Natural Science.....	93	..	93
Art and Poetry.....	19	..	19
Fiction.....	33	..	33
Juvenile Literature.....	30	..	30
Literary Miscellany.....	26	3	29
Travels and History.....	108	..	108
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals.....	60	..	60
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	805	3	808

Source:	Reg. Lib.	Coll. of Dup.	Tls.
Purchase	18	3	21
Gift.....	730	..	730
Pamphlets, bound.....	3	..	3
Periodicals, bound.....	54	..	54
	<u>805</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>808</u>
Language:			
English	775	3	778
French	6	..	6
German.....	21	..	21
Other.....	3	..	3
	<u>805</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>808</u>

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, *etc.*

Worn out and condemned.....	31
Lost and paid for.....	4
Charged to members	7
Total.....	<u>42</u>
Total additions.....	808
Less above.....	<u>42</u>

Net increase..... 766

Of the 31 volumes worn out 21 were replaced by new copies; and of the four volumes lost and paid for, 1 was so replaced.

BINDING.

During March and April, 1894, 115 volumes (periodicals and books received in paper covers), were bound for the first time at a cost of \$67.55, an average of 59 cents per volume. Ninety-five volumes were bound at a cost of \$37.75, or 40 cents per volume. Besides these 456 volumes were repaired in the Library. These cost \$35.00, an average of 8 cents. Of this number 90 volumes were replaced in the old covers.

DONATIONS.

During the months of March and April considerable accessions were made to the collection by gift. Among the more noteworthy donations were the following:—

California, Secretary of State, 35 volumes.
Iowa, Secretary of State, 56 volumes, 57 pamphlets.
Minnesota, Secretary of State, 41 volumes.
Ohio, Secretary of State, 70 volumes.
Pennsylvania, State Library 23 volumes.
United States Government, 83 volumes, 24 pamphlets.

ISSUE STATISTICS.

March and April, 1894.	
Home Issue—	
Regular.....	9,695
Duplicate.....	1,733
	<u>11,428</u>
Library issue.....	12,031
	<u>23,459</u>
Total issue.....	27,490
Reading room issue.....	
	<u>51,449</u>
Total issue in all departments.....	

State of Missouri, City of St. Louis, ss:.

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Mr. F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free)

Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the report to the board of directors of St. Louis Public (Free) Library hereto attached, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

(Seal.) Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of June, 1894.

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE,
Notary Public.

My term expires March 14, 1897.

St. Louis, June 11, 1894.

CITY APPROPRIATION.

Receipts and expenditures, March and April, 1894.

To collections to March 12.....	\$48,915 32	
To collections to May 7.....	1,488 03	\$50,403 35
Total receipts.....		\$50,403 35
By salaries.....		\$2,563 67
Books, Reg.....	\$94 82	
M. C.....	10 15	104 97
Building rent.....	\$883 34	
Insurance.....	276 60	
Repairs.....	7 00	
Heat.....	16 77	
Elevator.....	5 16	1,138 87
Printing.....	251 50	
Stationery.....	12 75	
Supplies.....	6 00	
Expenses.....	78 49	348 74
Total expenditures.....		\$4,156 25
Balance in treasury.....		46,247 10
		\$50,403 35

St. Louis, June 9th, 1894.

OTHER SOURCES.

Receipts and expenditures — Contingent fund. March–April, 1894.

Balance in contingent fund.....		\$ 93
Temporary membership.....		1 00
Collection of duplicates.....	\$86 90	
Magazines sold.....	3 20	
Books, sold, lost and paid for.....	70	
Fines.....		118 06
Books sold, lost and paid for.....		2 60
Renewal cards.....		09
Sargent's Reading for young, two at 50c.....		1 00
Desk receipts.....		\$214 48
Total receipts.....		\$214 48
Stationery.....	\$1 90	
Supplies.....	1 60	
Expense.....	6 85	
Catalogue supplies.....	5 85	
Postage.....	3 00	19 20
Total expenditures.....		19 20
Balance in treasury May 1st.....		195 28
Total.....		\$214 48

State of Missouri, City of St. Louis, ss.:

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public, within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Hamlin Russell, personally known to me, who being duly sworn by me, stated that the attached statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library for the months of March and April, 1894, on account of city appropriation and the attached statement of receipts and expenditures for the months of March and April, 1894, on account of other sources, are true and correct.

HAMLIN RUSSELL,
Chairman Auditing Committee Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

(Seal.) Sworn and subscribed to before me this 11th day of June, 1894.

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE,
Notary Public.

My term expires March 14, 1897.

APPENDIX.

Donations, March 1 to April 30, 1894.

Five hundred and thirty-one volumes and 579 pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations from 224 sources, as follows:—

	Vols.	Pph.
Alabama, Geological Survey.....	1	1
Alabama, Secretary of State.....		5
American Folk-lore Society.....		1
American Institute of Homeopathy.....	2	
Ames, John G., Washington, D. C.....	5	163
Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.....		2
Association of Military Surgeons.....		1
Baily, L. H., Ithaca, N. Y.....		3
Baltimore, Md., City Library.....	11	
Baltimore, Md., Inspector of Mines.....		1
Baltimore, Md., Public Schools.....		1
Barnard, George D.....		1
Bell, James W.....	4	
Boston, Chamber of Commerce.....	2	
Boston, City Hospital.....	6	27
Boston, Department of Banks.....		5
Boston, Harbor Commissioner.....	1	11
Boston, Kindergarten for the Blind.....		1
Boston, Railroad Commissioners.....	1	
Boston, Record Commissioners.....	2	4
Boston, Channing Club.....		3
Boston, New England Mutual Life Insurance Co.....	1	
Boston, Provident Association.....		2
Brookline, Mass., Public Library.....		1
California, Governor.....	2	4
California, Napa State Asylum for the Insane.....	5	2
California, Secretary of State.....	35	
California, Superintendent of Public Instruction.....		1
Canada, Department of Agriculture.....		1
Canada, Geological Survey.....		4
Carpenter, Geo. O., Jr.....		5
Chaplin, W. S., LL.D.....		3
Chicago, Board of Education.....	2	
Cincinnati, O., Public Library.....		1
Cincinnati, O., Observatory.....		4
Cleveland, O., Mayor.....	1	
Cleveland, O., Public Library.....		2
Clinton, Mass., Bigelow Free Public Library.....		1
Cobb, Hon. S. W.....	4	
Concord, Mass., Free Public Library.....		2
Connecticut, Bureau of Labor Statistics.....	7	2
Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.....		2
Crunden, F. M.....	1	1
Cunningham, Rev. Dr., London, Eng.....		1

	Vols.	Pph.
Davies, John F., Butte City, Mont.....		1
Dewey, Melvil.....		9
Dickinson, Dr.....	3	
Dover, Eng., Public Library.....		1
Duclos Salinas, A.....	1	
Edgell, G. S.....	1	
Espen, C. D.....	1	
Field, John T.....		1
Georgia, Commissioner of Agriculture.....	1	2
Georgia, Geological Survey.....		2
Georgia, State School Commissioner.....	1	
Georgia, Treasurer.....	1	
Germantown, Pa., Friends' Free Library.....		1
Gibbes, Emily O., New York City	1	
Gould, Mr.....		1
Green, Miss K L.....	6	
Harris, W. John, M. D.....	6	
Hartford, Conn., Theological Seminary.....		1
Harvard University	2	1
Helena, Mont., Public Library		4
Huse, Wm.....	1	19
Illinois, Department of Agriculture.....	1	
Iowa, Secretary of State.....	56	57
Jersey City, N. J.....		3
Johns-Hopkins University, Baltimore, Md.....		3
Johnson, E. P.....	34	
Judge, William Q., New York City.....	1	
Kansas, Board of Railroad Commissioners.....	1	
Kansas, Insurance Department.....	8	3
Kansas, Secretary of State.....	4	
Kaviratna Avinash Chandra, Calcutta, India.....		1
Kellogg, E. L. & Co., N. Y. City.....	1	
Kinney, Abbot.....	1	
Kirchner, H. W.....	1	
Lawrence, Mass., Public Library.....		2
Leipzig, Buchgewerbeblatt.....		12
Liverpool, Eng., Free Public Library.....		1
Los Angeles, Cal., Public Library.....		2
Loewenstein, M. J.....	1	
Lynn, Mass., Public Library.....		1
McClurg, Gen. A. C., Chicago, Ill.....		2
Manley, W. E., D. D.....		1
Maryland, Bureau of Industrial Statistics.....		1
Maryland, Commissioner of Land Office.....		1
Maryland, Comptroller of Treasury.....	1	
Maryland, Secretary of State.....		4
Maryland, State Board of Education.....	1	
Maryland, State Board of Health.....	1	1
Maryland, State Tax Commissioner.....	1	
Maryland, State Weather Service.....		1
Massachusetts, Auditor.....	1	
Massachusetts, Board of Commissioners of Savings Bank.....	2	
Massachusetts, Bureau of Labor.....	2	
Massachusetts, Charitable Eye and Ear Infirmary.....		1
Massachusetts, Commissioners of Inland Fisheries and Game.....		1
Massachusetts, Commissioners of Prisons.....		1
Massachusetts, General Hospital.....		4
Massachusetts, Perkins Institute and Mass. School for the Blind...		1
Massachusetts, State Board of Agriculture.....	1	
Massachusetts, State Board of Arbitration.....	4	
Massachusetts, State Board of Health.	4	
Mekeel, C. H.....		1
Michigan, State Board of Corrections and Charities.....		1
Meier, D. F., German Consul.....	1	

	Vols.	Pph.
Michigan, Fish Commission.....	1	5
Michigan, State Board of Corrections and Charities.....		1
Michigan, State Horticultural Society.....	1	
Michigan, University.....	1	
Milwaukee, Wis., Mayor.....	1	
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library.....		2
Minneapolis, Minn., Mayor.....	1	
Minneapolis, Minn., Public Library.....		2
Minnesota, Geological and Natural Hist. Survey.....		2
Minnesota, Secretary of State.....	41	2
Missouri, Botanical Garden.....	1	2
Missouri, Horticultural Society.....	2	
Missouri, Insurance Dep't.....	1	
Missouri, Labor Commissioner.....	1	
Missouri, Railroad Commissioner.....	3	
Missouri, State Board of Agriculture.....	2	
Montana, Board of Stock Commissioners.....		1
Montana, Governor.....	1	2
Montana, State Auditor.....		1
Montana, Sup't of Public Instruction.....		1
Moore, R.....		1
Morton, Levi P., N. Y. City.....	1	
National Electric Light Assn.....	1	
Nevada, State Board of Assessors and Equalization.....		1
Nevada, State Librarian.....	10	4
New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
New Jersey, State Library.....	1	
New London, Conn., Public Library.....		1
New York State Library.....	4	3
New York Board of Education.....		1
New York Bureau of Labor Statistics.....	4	
New York State University.....		1
New York City Aguilar Free Library.....		1
New York, Amer. Swedenborg Printing and Publishing Society.....	12	6
New York Century Association.....	1	
New York General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.....		1
New York Mercantile Library.....		3
New York Society of New York Hospital.....		1
New York Woman's Hospital.....		1
New York Young Men's Christian Association.....		1
New West Educational Commission.....		1
Newton, Mass., Free Library.....	1	
Nolan, Edward J., M. D.....		1
North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture and Labor.....		2
North Dakota State Examiner.....		1
Ohio Secretary of State.....	70	4
Parker, Francis W., Englewood, Ill.....		1
Pennsylvania, Auditor-General.....	1	
Pennsylvania State Library.....	23	7
Philadelphia City Institute.....		1
Philadelphia Academy of Natural Sciences.....		1
Philadelphia American Pharmaceutical Association.....	1	
Philadelphia Apprentices Library Co.....		1
Philadelphia Hospital.....	1	
Philadelphia Indian Rights Association.....		4
Philadelphia Mercantile Library.....		2
Pinchot, Gifford, London, Eng.....		1
Poole, W. F., LL. D., Chicago, Ill.....	1	
Portland, Ore., Public Library.....		7
Providence, R. I., Brown University.....		1
Rand, McNally and Co., Chicago, Ill.....		1
Ray, Pratapa Chandra, Calcutta, India.....		3
Rhode Island Commissioner of Public Schools.....	1	
Rombauer, R. E. P. J.....		3

	Vols.	Pph.
St. Louis Bohemian Gymnastic Association, "Sokol".....		1
St. Louis City Register.....	14	
St. Louis Health Department.....	1	
St. Louis Mercantile Club.....	1	
St. Louis Mercantile Library Association.....		1
St. Louis Merchants' Exchange.....	1	
St. Louis School and Home.....	1	
St. Louis Washington University.....		3
St. Paul, Minn., Public Library.....		1
Salem, Mass., Essex Institute.....		1
Salem, Mass., Public Library.....	1	4
Sampson, F. A., A. M.....		2
Schroeder, H. H.....	1	
Smithsonian Institute.....	4	
Soldan, F. Louis, LL.D.....	2	
Soudier, H. Le, Paris.....	5	
Southampton, Eng., Public Library.....	1	
Springfield, Mass., City Library Association.....		6
Springfield, O., Public Library.....		1
Stevens, B. F., London, Eng.....		2
Stratford-on-Avon, Shakespeare Memorial Library.....		1
Swansea, Eng., Public Library.....		2
Swarthmore, Pa., Swarthmore College.....		1
Taunton, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Trelease, Prof. Wm.....		1
U. S. Bureau of Education.....	1	7
U. S. Census Office.....		3
U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	1	
U. S. Comm'r of Labor.....		1
U. S. Department of Agriculture.....	2	1
U. S. Department of Interior.....	58	4
U. S. Department of State.....		2
U. S. Department of the Treasury.....	2	
U. S. Department of War.....	11	1
U. S. Fish Commission.....	2	
U. S. Geological Survey.....	2	
U. S. Interstate Commerce Com'n.....	2	
U. S. Naval Observatory.....	1	
U. S. Weather Bureau.....		6
U. S. Surgeon-General.....	1	
Vermont State Agricultural Experiment Station.....	2	1
Wall, Otto A., M. D.....		1
Waltham, Mass., Public Library.....		1
Waterhouse, Prof. S.....		2
Watertown, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
Wilkesbarre, Pa., Public Library.....		2
Wisconsin Comm'r of Railroads.....	2	1
Wisconsin State Agricultural Society.....	5	
Wisconsin State Board of Health.....	1	
Wisconsin Superintendent of Public Instruction.....	3	
Worcester, Mass., Free Public Library.....		1
Wyoming Attorney-General.....		1
Voorhees, D. W.....		1



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	Term Expires.
THOMAS DIMMOCK.....	1898.
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VACANCY	1897.

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MRS. L. SPECK.....General Assistant.

HENRY F. WOODS.....In charge of shelves.

PIERCE B. BARNARD.....In charge of delivery
stations.

EDWARD BATES

SILVIA M. ALLEN.....Issue Desk.

JULIA KRUGJuvenile Department.

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THOMAS WESTAssistant Janitor.

MRS. KATE FINE..... " "

MRS. M. FORSTER..... " "

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To His Honor, Cyrus P. Walbridge, Mayor of St. Louis:

In accordance with the provisions of the law, we beg to present the Annual Report of the Directors of the Public (Free) Library.

The year just closed is the first full year of operation under the new law. You will remember that the board appointed by you only acquired the library fourteen months ago, and at last report had been in charge only about two months.

The full and complete statistics furnished the Board by our Librarian, Mr. Frederick M. Crunden, and affidavits supporting financial statements, accompany and are a part of this report.

A careful examination of these figures and a comparison made with the corresponding dates of the work of the Library during the time when it was not free will show that the citizens of St. Louis appreciate the advantages of a free library, and are quick to avail themselves of the opportunity thus afforded of making use of the large collection of books at their disposal. The friends of the movement to provide St. Louis with a public library, free to all, and thus remove the reproach which had been so long attached to her fair name, were well aware that the increase of readers would be noticeable at once; but it is doubtful if even the most sanguine of its supporters were prepared for the eagerness with which the community came to register their names and draw the books—a privilege which had been made possible by the vote of the tax payers setting apart the insignificant sum of one-fifth of a mill of the tax levy of the city for this purpose.

The commodious quarters in the sixth and seventh floors of the Board of Education Building, 9th and Locust streets, planned with such careful forethought, with all the appliances necessary for the administration of a modern library, which were leased from the School Board, are already proving inadequate to the demands made upon the Library.

To remedy this congestion and for the greater accommodation of the public, your Board has established delivery stations in different parts of the city, where readers can draw books and return them, thus saving the long journey to the main library.

These stations, together with arrangements made with the public schools and various institutions, *etc.*, greatly multiply the use and advantages of the Library. The Board of Directors realizes that this great educational factor belongs to the citizens of St. Louis; and every effort on its part consistent with the income at its disposal, will be made to bring the benefits of the Library to the greatest possible number.

Under the original act passed by the Legislature in 1885, known as the Missouri Library Law, while the Board of Directors was vested with the authority to acquire real estate, it was legally powerless to provide the necessary funds for the erection of a building on any lot it might be able to secure.

It has from the beginning been the desire of the Board to save, if possible, enough from its annual income to procure an eligible lot and thus make a beginning towards securing a permanent home for the Library. Aside from the great rental we are obliged to pay the School Board for the present quarters, which will soon be entirely too small for our needs, the great expense and inconvenience of hoisting in elevators fifty thousand people per month must be apparent to all.

With these objects in view necessary steps were taken at the last session of the Legislature; and the act was so amended as to make it lawful for the Board to issue bonds to obtain money for the erection of a building, but for no other purpose.

An opportunity is here afforded to any public spirited, loyal citizen of this great city to dedicate a portion of his possessions in the shape of a donation of a plot of ground, or an endowment of money, to the lasting benefit of his fellow citizens, and thus lay the foundation of a monument which would perpetuate his memory as long as St. Louis shall be known as a city.

Other cities have had such far-sighted philanthropists; and may we not reasonably expect that in the near future some one may be constrained to do the public this great and lasting service? Such a gift would very much simplify the problem that now faces the Board.

We venture to predict that the time will come when the Library will have become so firmly intrenched in the affections of the great mass of the people, that any legislation in the way of larger appropriations in the direction of increasing its usefulness, can easily be obtained; but this is a process of education and of slow growth.

In the meantime exigencies arise which are difficult to overcome with the present income, every dollar of which in excess of expense of administration should be expended in additions to our books—completing departments of science still lacking the latest text books and thus equipping the Library to meet every demand.

This report would be incomplete did we not refer to the superior excellence and efficiency of the present staff of the Library. This force, as you are doubtless aware, is secured and retained through the application of the rules of modern civil service. Every position is filled with the successful competitor of a rigid examination, consequently the force is a careful selection of the fittest. Promotions are conducted in the same manner. The result therefore places the administration of the Library in the hands of ladies and gentlemen of more than ordinary ability and attainments, producing an “esprit de corps” which must be apparent to even the casual visitor.

In conclusion I would add that the utmost harmony and good will prevails in the Board. Not a dissenting voice is heard; and no other aim has been apparent on the

part of each and every member than the single purpose of doing all in their power to execute the trust placed in their hands, so that this great public institution of learning shall bring its influence to bear on the greatest number, and thus fulfill its very important mission in this city.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR L. WHITELOW,
President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Hon. Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my second annual report as your executive officer, covering the year from May 1, 1894, to April 30, 1895. This is the first full year of your direction; but not yet can the record be presented of the first full year of a free library in St. Louis, for the Library was not opened free to the public until the first of June. Registration began practically on May first, with the beginning of the library year; and at the end of the year over 26,000 names had been registered. They came in with notable regularity, the last six months showing very little variation from an average of 2,000 a month. With this steady growth in the number of readers, it is evident that only the statistics of the last few months can be taken as any indication of the work and the popularity of the library; and the greater usefulness of a free, as compared with a subscription, library cannot be fully shown in figures until the total of a full year's issue under the new order shall have been recorded. The results to date of discontinuing the subscription fee of \$2 a year (\$1 for minors) may be briefly summed up thus: a registration four times as large as formerly, and a home issue $3\frac{1}{2}$ times as great as the maximum under the old régime. The latter ratio is obtained by comparing the issue of March with the largest month's record of the old library.

The receipts and expenditures for the year are given in the following table, which combines the monthly financial statements that have been attested by your Auditing Committee and is accompanied by the affidavit of the Chairman of the Committee.

To agree with the accounts in the City Auditor's office, which are closed with the second Monday of each month, the statement of the City Treasury fund is brought up to May 13, while the statement of the bank fund and contingent fund closes with April 30, the date when the library year ends.

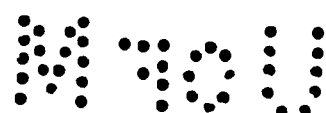
It will be seen that the year's revenue from the City tax of 1/5 of a mill amounted to \$59,320.97, to which was added \$2,615.80, the sum received for fines, issue of extra volumes, *etc.*, and a large balance left over from the preceding year's income, out of which only two months' expenses were drawn. The total of expenditures was \$48,358.88, which will necessarily be increased with the growth of the Library and the extension of its usefulness.

Comment or explanation of certain items in the schedule, if not necessary, will, at least, not be superfluous.

It is noteworthy that the increase of salary expenses from (in round numbers) \$12,000 to \$16,000 is not at all proportioned to the increase in the work done.

The outlay for furniture and repairs is larger than it is likely to be again for some years. As mentioned in the last report, extensive alterations and repairs were necessary to adapt the premises to the larger work undertaken by the Directors of the Free Library. The largest single item was \$773.70 for painting the rooms and halls. Next to this come \$783.02 for carpenter's wages, lumber, hardware and other material; \$513.22 for special furniture and appliances; \$200 for the system of basket carriers; \$170.05 for repairs and additions to electric lights and bells; and \$116.50 for metal work. The balance consists of smaller items from \$10 up.

Under *Expense*, the largest item, next to printing and stationery, is \$407.82, the amount paid for temporary service in arranging for the change in the charging system and other work of preparation, as explained in detail in the last report. The expenditure for printing and stationery was larger than it is likely to be for several years at least, since it includes the cost of 75,000 book pockets and 80,000 book cards, and also the many thousands (about 125,000 in all) of application cards, reader's cards, and cards for readers' and guarantors' indexes, besides 20,000 copies of the "Rules and Readers' Guide" and 500 copies of another pamphlet containing the State law and the City ordinances relating to the Library and the by-laws of the Board.



RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1895.

DR.			
To Balance in City Treasury May 7, 1894.....	\$46,247 10		
Collections May 7, 1894—May 13, 1895.....	59,320 97	\$105,568 07	
Balance in Bank Fund, May 1.....		195 28	
Coll. of Duplicates,			
Cards Sold.....	\$673 85		
Magazines Sold.....	43 60	717 45	
Fines	1,573 77		
Books Sold, Lost and Paid for.....	118 12		
Lost Cards.....	28 43		
Catalogues and Bulletins.....	144 71		
Postals	28 88		
Non-resident Membership.....	3 00		
Interest on Current Deposit.....	3 41		
Catalogue Cards Sold.....	1 60		
Miscellaneous	45		
Total Desk Receipts.....		2,615 80	
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CR.			
By Salaries.....		\$ 16,113 12	
Books, Reg. Main Library Collection.....	\$11,066 55		
Collection of Duplicates.....	243 78		
Medical Collection.....	463 55		
Binding	1,498 69		
Periodicals	721 42		
Periodicals, Medical Collection.....	167 80		
		\$14,161 79	
Building, Rent.....	\$ 5,000 00		
Light	1,916 00		
Insurance	1,003 50		
Heat, Sundays and Holidays.....	429 01		
Water, 6 months.....	180 00		
Furniture and Repairs.....	2,882 24		
Elevator, Salaries.....	1,210 72		
Electric Power.....	1,716 02	14,837 49	
Expense, Delivery Stations.....	194 65		
Printing and Stationery.....	2,481 68		
Supplies	243 47		
Advertising	9 25		
Postage	134 53		
Sundries	275 08		
Writing Book Cards, etc	407 82	3,746 48	
Total Expenditures.....		\$ 48,358 88	
Balance in Bank Fund, May 1—			
Cert. of Deposits, 3@ \$500.00.....	\$ 1,500 00		
Current Deposit.....	818 80		
		\$ 2,318 80	
Balance in Contingent Fund, May 1.....		28 49	
Balance in City Treasury, May 13.....		\$ 57,674 98	
		\$108,379 15	

REGISTRATION.

The Library continued to serve its former subscribers up to June 1st, when it was opened to the general public. The registration of readers, however, began with the year, or, to speak exactly, on April 26, 1894. Up to April 30, 1895, 26,064 names had been registered. This involved the numbering, filling-in and arranging of 100,000 cards, many of which had to be handled twice.

As this report is meant ultimately for the information of the public, I have thought it well to present with reasonable

fullness the details of the practical working of the library in each department. It is proper that the people should know how their work is done in every public institution; it is desirable that our citizens should have some idea of the amount and kind of labor involved in the administration of a large library; and especially is it necessary that they should know the simple forms by which they may secure the privileges to which they are entitled and the means by which their property is cared for at the same time that it is made available to every resident of St. Louis.

CONDITIONS AND RULES.

Any person of decent appearance and behavior may, without previous application and without any other formality than writing his name and address on a call-slip, obtain books and periodicals to read or consult in the rooms. A card entitling the holder to draw books for home reading will be issued on application to any person who resides or pays taxes or has permanent employment in St. Louis, and who can furnish a reasonable assurance that he will comply with the rules and regulations.

Applicants must sign the following blank:—

THIS APPLICATION MUST BE FILLED OUT IN INK, AND APPROVED, BEFORE CARD IS ISSUED.

..... No.....

I, the undersigned, apply for a reader's card in the St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

CROSS OUT WHAT DOES NOT APPLY.

I {

am a resident of the city,
am a taxpayer in the city,
have permanent employment in the city,

and hereby agree to comply with all the rules and regulations of the Library, to make good any loss or injury sustained by it through issuing a card entitling me to draw books, and **TO GIVE IMMEDIATE NOTICE OF CHANGE OF RESIDENCE.**

Signature (in ink)
Residence.....
Occupation
Place of business.....

THIS CARD WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF SOILED OR FOLDED.

The rule requires as security for the prompt and safe return of books “a cash deposit or a guaranty signed by a resident of the city known to be responsible.”

The guaranty reads as follows:—

.....

Public Library,

St. Louis,.....189..

I, the undersigned, hereby agree to be responsible for any loss of or damage to the books of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library issued to.....
and for any penalties incurred by h.....through violation of the rules of the library.

Signature (in ink)

Residence.....

A city ordinance makes it a misdemeanor to take books from the Library “except in accordance with the rules,” or to fail to return them when notified, or to damage books or other library property. Experience thus far justifies the liberal policy of the Board, for out of 331,000 books issued for home reading, only three were not returned. The precaution that might have prevented this loss would probably have deterred some thousands of readers from using the library.

WORK OF REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

The application being approved, a “reader’s card” is issued to the applicant, which he must always present in drawing or returning a book. This card has on one side the reader’s name with a synopsis of the rules relating to cards and their use: the other side bears the holder’s number and is ruled into thirty spaces for recording the issue and return of books. When the registration ranged from 60 to 150 a day, reader’s cards could not be issued immediately, as they have been the last month with an average registration of about 30 a day. The reason for this becomes apparent on an explanation of the work involved.

The application cards are arranged in drawers in alphabetical order. When the “reader’s card” is not delivered at once it is kept with the application card until called for.

At first the guaranty was printed on the back of the application card, which necessitated writing another card for the “guarantors’ index.” Now, being on a separate card, it

serves for the index, the name being written on the top line as shown in the above sample.

For convenience in recording loans, each reader is known by the initial letter of his name followed by a number, which indicates how many persons of that initial have registered up to a given time. For example, "A 748" is the seven hundred and forty-eighth person registered whose name begins with A. The total registration at any moment can be found by adding the numbers on the last card under each letter of the alphabet. To find who "A 748," for instance, is, it is necessary to have an index arranged according to letters and numbers. This makes four cards that must be filled out, one of which is given to the reader, while the other three are filed in separate drawers, in alphabetical, or numero-alphabetical order. Besides this, the name of all persons not well known, *i. e.*, at least nine-tenths of all applicants—must be looked up in the directory. All this, it will be readily seen, was sufficient to occupy the whole time of at least two persons. At times as many as four were engaged most of the day at this work; and it was not till May, when the registration fell off with the coming of warm weather, that the index to guarantors was brought up to date.

The numerical details of the registration are as follows:

NAMES REGISTERED UP TO APRIL 30, 1895.

Men	8,222	
Women	8,868	
Children	8,974	
		<hr/> 26,064

From the above total registration the following deductions should be made, in order to ascertain the number of reader's cards in force at the close of the year:

Guarantors withdrawn	34	
Dead	14	
Left town	114	
Cards surrendered	66	
Held for fines.....	272	
*Not called for.....	1,221	
		<hr/> 1,721
Total number of cards in use April 30.....		<hr/> 24,343

*Chiefly the cards of recent applicants.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The records of the order and catalogue departments show almost as large a ratio of increase as those of the issue department. During the last full year of the old library the net growth was 3,324 volumes, and the average of the previous five years was less than 4,000 volumes. The first year of the free library shows a net gain of nearly 12,000 volumes. The announcement that the library is growing three times as fast as heretofore will undoubtedly be gratifying to our citizens; but it will convey to the average reader no idea of the amount of work involved in the selection, purchase and cataloguing of such a large number of books.

SELECTION OF BOOKS.

The lists presented to the Committee on Books are drawn from three sources: (a) Books directly and formally recommended by readers; (b) The general call for books not in the collection or of which there is not a sufficient number of copies; (c) Lists prepared by the librarian.

Persons who use the library are requested to recommend books which they consider desirable additions. From time to time specialists are invited to inspect the catalogue and point out deficiencies in their respective departments. The person who recommends a book is notified when it is ready for issue and is thus given an opportunity to be the first to draw it.

All the assistants are instructed to note calls for books not in the collection, or of which there are not enough copies, and also to call attention to inquiries that can not be answered for want of books containing the desired information. Two-thirds of the past year's additions consisted of additional copies of books most in demand. The highest number of copies of any book added to the regular collection was 68 copies of the Count of Monte Cristo; next to this in adult fiction was Vanity Fair, 50 copies; followed by Les Misérables, 37; David Copperfield, 36; Henry Esmond, 29; Ivanhoe, 27; Uncle Tom's Cabin, 25, and Scarlet Letter, 22. Among books for children Little Women takes the lead with the addition of 53 copies, followed by 49 of Jo's Boys, 44 of Tom Sawyer, 41 of Under the Lilacs, 36 of Little Men,

28 of Andersen's Fairy Tales and 22 each of Robinson Crusoe and Arabian Nights. These figures, as I have said, apply to the regular collection. Including the "Collection of Duplicates"* they are exceeded by "Trilby," of which 100 copies were bought, six for the regular library and 94 for the Collection of Duplicates.

The preparation of purchase lists of new books and of books required for the filling out of the various departments constitutes no inconsiderable or unimportant part of a librarian's duties. He must note in publisher's announcements the new books that appear from time to time; and, by reading reviews or personal examination, he must inform himself as to their respective merits. He must consider the special wants of his community and choose with due regard to the strength or weakness of the collection in various directions. To obtain at reasonable prices books that are out of print and in general to make the most of the book fund, he must scan the catalogues of second-hand booksellers and auction sales and use his judgment in bidding or making purchases when prompt action is necessary. In all his purchases and recommendations he must carefully consider whether the proposed expenditure is the very best use to which the requisite money can be put. He is fortunate if, as has been the case in this library for many years, he has a thoroughly competent committee to make the final decision.

The lists for presentation to the Book Committee are made up in this way. The librarian marks in the Publisher's Weekly, and numerous publishers' catalogues and

*A special collection consisting of duplicate copies of popular books, chiefly those for which there is an eager and multitudinous, but temporary, demand. They are issued on special cards at the rate of 5 cents a volume per week. These books more than pay for themselves and thus the urgent demand for ephemeral (or untested) literature is supplied without encroaching unduly on the regular revenues of the library.

As the demand diminishes and all of these copies no longer "go" in the Collection of Duplicates, they are gradually transferred to the regular collection. The rights of the average card-holder are in no wise abridged. It would be manifestly impracticable to buy 100 or 50, or even 10, copies of every favorite of the hour. But readers who do not care to buy duplicate cards profit by the plan, since the 94 copies in the collection of duplicates lessens very much the number of competitors for the 6 copies in the regular library.

circulars, and also in the Literary World, New York Nation, and other reviews, the books which he regards as most desirable. The titles, with notes when obtainable, are cut and pasted, or copied on cards, which are submitted to the Book Committee.

PURCHASE OF BOOKS.

The titles approved by the Book Committee are turned over to the order department. The assistant in charge of this work first ascertains whether any of the books are already in the collection or among outstanding orders. She then sends the lists of different kinds of books to the proper bookseller or agent. The cards which served for presentation to the committee are now placed in a tray with cards for books previously ordered, and together they constitute the "order list," which is kept always arranged alphabetically according to the authors, so that at any moment we can ascertain whether a certain book has been ordered.

When a lot of books is received, the bills are first examined and checked to see that every book billed is received and that prices and discounts are satisfactory. Note is also taken of the edition; and books that are not up to a reasonable standard in paper and print are returned. Then the card corresponding to each book is taken from the order tray and inserted in the book to which it belongs. The printed cards from the Library Bureau and those with publisher's weekly entries serve a further purpose by insertion in the card catalogue. Some of the other cards contain notes which are used as explained later; and others are the original recommendation slips, which go with the books to the issue department and serve as instructions to notify the persons who recommend the books of their arrival. The bills (in duplicate) being checked and certified correct in each item and the total are handed to the accountant, who makes them up into vouchers for transmission to the City Auditor.

CATALOGUING OF BOOKS.

The order clerk having finished with the books, the librarian examines each to determine in what class it shall be placed, occasionally inserting a direction to notify some person or persons presumed to be interested in a line of

reading of the addition of one or more books on that subject. The books then pass into the cataloguing room, where they go through the following process:

First, they are "entered" in a large blank book (19"x14") called the "accession catalogue" or "entry ledger." Each page of this ledger contains 50 lines consecutively numbered in the manufacture of the book. The number on each line is given to the volume "entered" on that line; and the last number used shows the total number of volumes that have been added to the collection since the organization of the library. For example, the page that was used on May 27th contained the numbers 110551 to 110600 and the last volume "accessioned" on that day was on the line numbered 110559, which indicated that this book was the 110559th volume catalogued since the formation of the collection. This number is stamped in two places in the book—the title page and the pocket—and serves to identify the volume. There may be in the collection other books of the same author, title and imprint; but there can be no other with the same "accession number." It is absolutely identified by its place in the chronological, numerical series in the "accession ledger." The same number is never given to another book under any circumstances.

In the entry ledger the following facts are noted regarding each book, under printed headings extending across both pages: *Date of entry, accession number, author, title, volume, place of publication, publisher, date, size, class, additions classified, volumes bought, volumes given, periodicals bound, pamphlets bound, from whom obtained, publisher's price, discount, net price, binding, remarks.* At the end of each month a summary is made of the month's accessions, showing how many volumes were added to the regular library and how many to the collection of duplicates; how many volumes were bought, how many given and how many were obtained by the binding of pamphlets; how many volumes were in the English language, how many German, French and other languages; and finally, how many belonged to each of the ten main classes into which the collection is divided. These statistics are entered in the ledger and reported to the board at its regular monthly meetings.

On the pocket of each book, besides the "accession number," the class number and the "catch-word" are written. These serve to show the place of a book on the shelves and thus enable the runners to find it when it is called for and the shelvees to replace it in its proper position. The class number is written also on the first page.

The same number that is stamped on the pocket and title page of a book is also stamped on two cards. One of these cards is used in recording the loan of the book, as will be explained under the proper head. The other contains, besides the number, a brief designation of the book by author, title and class; and as long as the book remains in possession of the library it is represented by this card. These cards are kept in drawers arranged in classes, and in each class alphabetically according to author, in exactly the same order as the books on the shelves, and constitute the "shelf list," by means of which the "inventory" is taken and the exact contents of the collection ascertained from time to time. The accession ledger shows how many books have belonged to the library from the beginning, how each was obtained, *etc.*: the shelf-list shows what books are now in the collection, how many copies of a given work are on hand, *etc.* As books are worn out or lost from time to time the fact is noted on the cards representing these books and posted in the entry ledger, which is kept in the safe as the final evidence of the contents of the library and a complete record of the collection from the beginning. The shelf-list and the entry ledger supplement each other, one furnishing the information that the other does not contain: in one we find a book by its number; in the other by its class and name.

Besides the "book card" (or "charging card") and the shelf-list card, at least three other cards must be made for each work—one for the official author catalogue, the others for the two divisions of the public catalogue. Each of these three contains a fuller description of the book than the shelf-list. One is written with a pen, the others copied on the typewriter. The original can be properly made only by a trained cataloguer whose handwriting is as plain

as print. In the shelf-list every volume of a set is treated individually: in the catalogue a work is treated as a unit though it may be in twenty volumes. Four cards for each work is a minimum; sometimes a single volume requires twenty cards. The cataloguing of the past year's accessions involved the writing of about 60,000 cards.

After the books are thus catalogued, there still remains other work to be done before they are ready for circulation. The pockets, stamped and written as explained above, must be pasted securely to the inside of the cover; and, for each volume that circulates, a "book card" stamped with the accession number, and supplied with class number, "catch word"* and title is written. This remains in the pocket when the book is on the shelf and represents the book and tells who has it when it is "out." In addition to all this the stamp of the "St. Louis Public (Free) Library," with the date, must be impressed on at least four pages of each volume. Books with plates sometimes require a hundred impressions. Then, at last, the book is ready to perform its mission.

This process of preparation, though minor details have been omitted, may seem prolonged and cumbersome; but there is not a step in it that does not contribute to the safe keeping and orderly bestowal of the books or facilitate their circulation. In the work of the catalogue department comes also the preparation of a weekly list of additions for a local paper and of the list for our *Monthly Bulletin*. Both lists are annotated, and for this the note cards before referred to are utilized.

*The "catch word" is the word by which the book is found in the catalogue or on the shelves. Ordinarily it is the author; in the class of biography, where books are arranged according to subject instead of author, the catch word is the subject; while in anonymous works the first word of the title is used as the catch word.

I trust that the foregoing summary of the process of cataloguing will give greater significance to the following table:

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1895.			
CLASSES.	Reg. Library.	Col. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy.....	63	....	63
Theology	199	....	199
Social Science	815	....	815
Natural Science	958	....	958
Art and Poetry.....	350	2	352
Fiction	5,007	561	5,568
Juvenile Literature	2,760	5	2,765
Literary Miscellany	278	....	278
Travels and History.....	738	....	738
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals.....	332	....	332
	11,500	568	12,068
SOURCE.			
Purchase	10,082	568	10,650
Gift	1,015	....	1,015
Pamphlets, bound	44	....	44
Periodicals, bound	359	....	359
	11,500	568	12,068
LANGUAGE.			
English	11,168	568	11,736
French	77	....	77
German	239	....	239
Other	16	....	16
	11,500	....	12,068
BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.			
Worn out and condemned.....			723
Lost and paid for.....			67
Charged to readers.....			10
Total			800
Total additions			12,192
Less above			800
Net increase			11,392

Of the 723 volumes worn out 566 were replaced by new copies; and of the 67 volumes lost and paid for, 54 were so replaced.

The chief aim of the Book Committee during the past year has been to supply the demand for popular books. Therefore nearly 7,000 out of the 12,000 volumes added were multiple copies of popular novels and books for the young. Those purchased in the greatest numbers were, for the most part, the best books in these two classes; and the figures given on a previous page furnish gratifying evidence of the steady popularity of the great works of fiction. But omitting from the count these and new books in the same line, there is left of books in other classes more than the average total of the previous five years; and it must be remembered that novels and juveniles are very cheap and that the amount

of money expended for them is not indicated by their number. While constituting nearly two-thirds of the year's additions, their cost was probably not more than one-third of the total expenditure for books. The average cost per volume of all the books purchased was 97 cents; this included many volumes published at \$4.00 or \$5.00, and a considerable number of more costly works. Among the year's purchases were 329 back volumes of periodicals needed to fill gaps in sets.

The character of the more expensive and important additions is represented by the following examples:

- BARTLETT, J.—Concordance to Shakespeare. Folio.
 BROCKHAUS' Konversations Lexikon. New Ed.—13 Vol.
 BROWN, H. F.—John Addington Symonds. 2 Vol.
 DAVIS, C. T.—Manufacture of Leather.
 DOLMETSCH, H.—Ornamental Treasure. Folio.
 FLUEGEL, F.—Universal English-German, and German-English Dictionary. 4th Ed.—3 Vol.
 GELIS-DIDOT, P., and LAMBERT, T.—Hotels et Maisons du Paris. Quarto.
 HAKLUYT, R.—Early English Voyages to America. Quarto.
 HALLIBURTON, W. D.—Text book of Chemical Physiology.
 HAMILTON, D. J.—Text book of Pathology.
 HARE, J. I. C.—American Constitutional Law. 2 Vol.
 JUNGHAENDEL, M.—Baukunst Spaniens. 2 Vol. Quarto.
 KUNZ, G. F.—Gems and Precious Stones. Quarto.
 LIBERATOR.—1852-65. 14 Vol.
 MACEWEN, W.—Atlas of Head Sections. Quarto.
 PARDOE, J.—Life of Marie de Medicis. 3 Vol.
 PARIS.—Salon. 1894. Folio.
 REMON, G.—Interieur d'appartements Moderne. Folio.
 ROSE, G. M.—Cyclopaedia of Biography.
 TUCKERMAN, A. L.—Renaissance in Italy. Folio.
 ZANDER, W.—Modern Decorative Painting. Folio.

PROGRESS ON THE NEW CATALOGUE.

The foregoing figures do not, however, represent half of the cataloguing of the year. From October 1st the whole time of two of the assistant cataloguers has been devoted to the re-cataloguing begun under the former Board of Managers. From June 13th, 1894, to the end of the year, 14,377 volumes were re-catalogued. Prior to June 13th this work was suspended by the necessity of using all the available force to expedite the preparations for the change to a free library. Thus far classes 1-62, with the exception of classes 27 and 52-58 (public documents and the medical collection,) are re-catalogued, all the cards written and made available to the public. From 63 to 83 the books have

been re-catalogued but the duplicate cards have not been typewritten. In general, it may be said that the new card catalogue is at least half finished. It will be a great improvement over the present catalogue; and its completion is no less desired by the staff than by the public.

MONTHLY BULLETIN.

The publication of a *Monthly Bulletin* was begun in October. This gives in each issue a list of the additions of the preceding month, with notes on the more important books. It also contains reading lists from time to time. Thus far lists on Emerson and Holmes have been published. In March the first instalment of a fiction catalogue was printed, which when completed will be re-published in pamphlet form from the Bulletin plates. The Bulletin further serves as a medium of communication with readers. It costs the library nothing, the publisher finding his profit in its attractiveness as an advertising medium. Proof reading for the lists of new books and the fiction list has added another small item to the work of the catalogue department.

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

During the year 1074 volumes and 1362 pamphlets were received as donations and exchanges. A complete list of donors will be found in an appendix. The largest single entry is 292 volumes and 26 pamphlets from the United States Department of the Interior. The citizens who have made the most substantial contributions to the collection this year are Miss L. B. Halstead, 53 volumes; Mr. Eliot C. Jewett, 133 volumes; Mr. F. N. Judson, 71 volumes and 23 pamphlets, and Mr. E. C. Rowse, 28 volumes, all either members of ex-members of the Library Board.

Among our most valued exchanges are the State libraries of New York, Vermont and Nebraska, which are credited in the appendix with 46 volumes, 11 volumes and 32 volumes respectively, besides numerous pamphlets.

It is cause for congratulation that, through the thoughtfulness of Representative Joseph T. Tatum, a law was passed at the recent session of the Legislature requiring all State publications to be sent to this library. This is eminently wise and proper. State documents and reports of institu-

tions are published at the people's expense and for their information; and the only way to disseminate this information is to distribute the publications to free libraries, where anybody who wishes to see them can have ready access to them. The same principle applies to United States documents, which have been sent indiscriminately to private individuals and denied to public libraries, where they would be preserved and made available to all who might seek the information they contain. All United States publications should be promptly sent to the principal libraries of the country, which should also receive the publications of their several states. The distribution should be automatic, in accordance with a general law, and independent of the action of any legislator or congressman.

The 1074 volumes and 1362 pamphlets listed in the appendix were not, in one sense, clear gifts—*i. e.*, they were not obtained without the expenditure of some time and effort. Most of them, like those specified above, came unsolicited; others were obtained by writing for them. It is usually easy to obtain reports of organizations and institutions and the various publications of state and city officers and departments, by applying at the time of their issue: with delay comes difficulty. To systematize this work a page in a blank book provided for the purpose is given to each State and Territory in the Union and to each of the principal cities of the United States and Canada. On its page are listed all the reports and documents of each state and city with the dates of their publication. The index to this book shows not only on what page each State and city is to be found but also refers under each month to the publications that appear at that time, which (if not already received) are regularly written for. At the time this index was prepared, about two years ago, an earnest effort was made to secure the more important city and state documents from the beginning up to date. It is, however, generally the latest reports, *etc.*, that are wanted; and these, I trust, may always in future be found on our shelves.

The greater part of our donations and exchanges consists of pamphlets. Obtaining them is the smallest part of

the work involved. The disposition of pamphlets is one of the most troublesome questions of library administration. It hardly overstates the truth to say that, in general, the trouble caused in caring for a publication and making it available is inversely proportioned to its size and value. From the account I gave under *Binding* of our treatment of pamphlets, it will be seen that it is something of a task to keep in order and available a collection of thousands of pamphlets with an annual increase of ten or fifteen hundred.

Donations and exchanges, whether volumes or pamphlets, are promptly acknowledged and recorded on cards alphabetized by the donor's name. From these it is easy to ascertain what has come from a given source and how many books and pamphlets have been received up to date. At the end of the year this record is transcribed and printed as an appendix to the annual report.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The inventory begun in April could not be finished in time for this report. Using last year's hastily taken inventory as a basis, the following figures furnish a close approximation to the contents of the collection. It is safe to say that the total given is under, rather than over, the actual number of volumes now in possession of the library.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, MAY 1, 1895.

Philosophy	1,151
Theology	4,517
Social Science	14,204
Natural Science	13,376
Art and Poetry	5,804
Fiction	17,324
Juvenile Literature	7,459
Literary Miscellany	5,646
Travels and History.....	13,303
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals.....	9,297
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	92,081
Collection of duplicates.....	1,461
South Branch	1,909
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Total of entered books.....	95,451
Books not yet catalogued (about).....	3,000
Unentered duplicates (about).....	3,000
Volumes of unbound magazines (about).....	900
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	102,351
Less books worn out, lost, <i>etc.</i> , since last inventory was taken.....	848
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Total May 1, 1895.....	101,503

TAKING THE INVENTORY.

The results of the present stock-taking will appear in my next annual report; but it seems proper to add to the account of other work an explanation of the method by which the exact number of volumes in the collection and in each class is ascertained.

The "shelf-list," as already explained, consists of over 95,000 cards arranged in drawers in exactly the same order as the books on the shelves. Each book has its corresponding card bearing the same accession number, author and title. One of the drawers—say the one containing classes 1 to 4—is taken to the section of the stack where the books in those classes are shelved. Two assistants must work together. One takes the first book on the shelf in "class 1" and calls out its author, title and accession number. The other finds the corresponding card and notes its agreement in all particulars with the book. Then the book and card are stamped "95", and the next book is taken. This goes on through all the classes in the collection. If all the books could be called in, the task would be comparatively simple and easy; it would consist merely in comparing and stamping 100,000 books and as many cards. But with 10,000 to 12,000 books in circulation and 1000 to 2000 coming in and going out every day, the process is much more difficult. After a class has been inventoried the shelvers are instructed not to put up any books in that class unless it is stamped. Those not stamped are set aside; and the first thing each morning the stock-takers go over them, stamping book and card. Books coming back from the bindery are treated in the same manner. They must not be shelved or issued till they have been inventoried. In a book provided for that purpose are listed at the time of their withdrawal from circulation all the books that are worn out during the year, and in another blank book the books that are lost and paid for or sold. These records are posted monthly onto the shelf-list, and the absence of the books listed is thus accounted for. This posting, if not up to date, must be completed during the taking of the inventory. But, with 2000 to 4000 volumes passing over the counter every day and 1000 books a month going to and returning from

the bindery, it is impossible, in spite of all the care that can be exercised, to "catch" every volume the first or second "round." The next step in the process is to make a list of the books in each class that have not been "accounted for." The books on these lists are then looked for on the regular shelves and among unentered duplicates, in their proper places and in all places, likely and unlikely. The missing lists are also compared with the lists of books withdrawn, lost and sold, to see if they escaped at the first examination; and finally the record of the books in circulation is searched. The missing list is thus reduced, at first, easily and rapidly, and afterwards slowly and laboriously, till there remains a list of volumes that for the time being must be reported as "unaccounted for." Some of these turn up months afterwards; and at every stock-taking books reappear that were not found at the last.

The main object of all this work is, of course, to ascertain just what and how many volumes the library has in its possession. There are besides various incidental results. In the first place, the comparison of each book with its shelf-list card leads to the discovery and correction of all sorts of minor mistakes that will creep in among the numerous details of the cataloguing work. The list of books unaccounted for furnishes the Book Committee with an authoritative guide for its work; and at the same time shows the Committee on Administration whether greater precautions are necessary for the safekeeping of the books.

BINDING.

During the year 781 volumes (periodicals and books received in paper covers) were bound for the first time at a cost of \$525.41, an average of 67 1-3 cents per volume; 2874 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$1,275.95, or 44 1-2 cents per volume. Besides these, 7427 volumes were repaired in the library. These cost for labor and material \$277.70, an average of 3 2-3 cents. The repairing occupied about three-fourths of the time of a binder's apprentice, the remainder being given to pasting in book pockets and other similar

jobs. That there is considerable work in the repairing of over 7000 volumes is readily understood: how much is involved in having 3655 volumes bound by contract is not so apparent. It seems a very simple thing, requiring scarcely any expenditure of time or thought, to have a binder call for 3000 to 4000 volumes in the course of a year and bring them back bound. But this is not all there is to it.

SENDING BOOKS TO THE BINDERY.

First,—binding for the first time. This comprises books bought in paper covers, numerous volumes of periodicals and pamphlets put together into volumes, making in all last year 781 volumes.

Pamphlets that are to be bound together must be of similar size, and it is at least highly desirable that they shall be on closely allied, if not the same, subject. Before being made up into volumes, they are kept in order in pamphlet boxes, which have class-marks on the lid to indicate the character of the pamphlets contained. When a sufficient number of pamphlets of a kind and size have accumulated, they are bound into a volume. (The volume is entered in the accession ledger just like a book; but in cataloguing, each pamphlet is treated individually, so that a volume comprising ten pamphlets would require more than thirty cards. This belongs to the cataloguing; but it seems to call for mention here).

Periodicals must be carefully collated to see if they are complete, and missing numbers must be written for. The volume is then entered as a book, and all volumes, whether books, periodicals or pamphlets, are treated as follows:—

They are first arranged into groups according to the style of binding, half morocco, full duck, etc., and in each group alphabetically. Each volume is then entered on a blank divided by vertical lines into sections headed *Binder's Number*, *Accession Number*, *Author and Title*, *Volume Number*, *Class Number*, *Cost*, *Style of Binding*, *Remarks*. Each book has the "binder's number" penciled on the first page back of the title page. A new series is begun with the first of

each library year; and the last number at any time shows how many volumes have been sent to the bindery up to that date. The binder's number is placed opposite the entry of each volume on the binder's blank and takes the place ordinarily filled by the accession number in identifying the book. These blanks thus filled out constitute the binder's bills and are returned by him with the books. A letter-press copy of them is taken, which gives the library a record of all books at the bindery. When the books come back they are checked off in the "binder's book" (the letter-press copy of the bills) and are prepared for use by the process described under cataloguing.

RE-BINDING.

The preparation and billing of new books is a simpler matter than classifying and giving directions for the re-binding of old books. This is a task that calls for knowledge, experience and judgment. The person who does the responsible work of sorting the books must consider in each case; 1st, whether the book should be condemned as not worth the cost of re-binding and no good in its present condition; or, 2d, whether, though not worth the cost of rebinding, it still has some service in it and should go back to the shelves to be worn out completely; or, 3d, whether the library binder can repair it; or, 4th, if it is to go to the bindery, whether it shall be replaced in the same cover; or, 5th, if entirely rebound, whether it shall be in cloth, or leather, or duck.

The judgment necessary for the proper performance of this work implies a knowledge of the use to which individual books are likely to be put, the wearing qualities of different kinds of binding, the limitations of the repairer's skill, the cost of replacing the book under consideration, and, in addition to other technical requirements, general good sense and that underlying conscientiousness which is the foundation of all satisfactory work—the more essential when the work is one of seemingly insignificant details.

This being done, the measuring of each volume, filling the blanks and copying them in the binder's book and checking

them off when returned are simple clerical details; but they take time when the volumes, twice handled, reach into the thousands. With volumes rebound there is another little item in the process that does not pertain to new binding: the book-cards must be removed from the pockets and arranged in a tray to be taken out and replaced on the return of the books. Until recently new pockets had to be written; but the experiment is now being tried of paying the binder for removing the pockets from the old covers and replacing them on the new.

CIRCULATION.

Though the library was not opened free till June and was not under fair headway till August, the home issue is more than four times that of the previous year and nearly three times that of the years preceding. The increase from an issue of 4000 volumes in May of 1894 to more than 40,000 in March of 1895 sufficiently attests the greater usefulness of a free library. It will be observed that against this enormous increase in the circulation of books for home reading there is some loss in the issue of books for use in the library. Some of this is probably due to the greater freedom of access to reference books: most of it, however, must be attributed to the fact that many persons who did their reading at the library, because they could not afford the subscription fee, now take home the books they want to read. There has been, at the same time, a much greater gain in the issue of current periodicals in the reading-room. This, I think, comes from two sources: first, the making of the institution really a public library brings to it many who did not know that the Reading-Room had been free for twenty years; second, frequenters, who formerly read books in the Reading-Room, being able now to take books home, devote all their time while at the library to reading periodicals, thus lessening the issue of books and increasing that of periodicals.

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Full details regarding the issue in all departments will be found in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS.
FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1895.

HOME ISSUE.	Y. SEP.	RE- M. C.
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CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
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An attempt at a rough classification of the current periodicals issued in the Reading-Room is presented in the following table:

CLASSIFIED READING ROOM ISSUE.

	Issue.	Per Cent.
Philosophy	156	.09
Theology	2,061	1.25
Social Science	50,515	30.54
Natural Science	22,536	13.63
Art	1,569	.95
Fiction	7,923	4.79
Juveniles	25,214	15.25
Literary Miscellany	806	49
Geography and History.....	54,579	33.01
Total	165,359	100.00

SUMMARIES.

	1893-4.	1894-5.
Home issue, regular library.....	65,418	319,440
Home issue, coll. of duplicates.....	9,971	11,986
Total home issue.....	75,389	331,426
Library issue	59,394	40,628
Total issue of books.....	134,783	372,054
Reading-room issue	136,881	165,359
Total issue in all depts.....	271,664	537,413
Total issue in all depts., 1893-4.....		271,664
Increase in 1894-5.....		265,749

The library was open every day in the year. Particulars regarding the Sunday and holiday issue, maximum, minimum and daily averages will be found below. The holiday issue justifies the policy of the board in keeping the library open, especially on those days that are not generally observed. On Washington's birthday, for example, 1280 volumes were drawn for home reading, and the total issue was 1965. The smallest record was on Christmas, with a home issue of 32 and a total of 274.

No account is kept of those who visit the Newspaper-Reading-Room on the second floor. From August 12, when the registers were put in, to April 30, less than nine months, 391,205 persons were carried up to the rooms on the sixth and seventh floors,

Largest week day issue, Saturday, March 2, 1895.		Smallest week day issue, Thursday, May 17, 1894.	
Home issue	2,562	Home issue	78
Library issue	197	Library issue	96
Reading-room issue	789	Reading-room issue	333
Total		Total	
3,548		507	
Largest Sunday issue, January 20, 1895.		Smallest Sunday issue, September 9, 1894.	
Library issue	84	Library issue	30
Reading-room issue	384	Reading-room issue	105
Total		Total	
468		135	
Average Sunday issue.		Total Sunday issue.	
Library issue	64	Library issue	3,311
Reading-room issue	225	Reading-room issue	11,723
Total		Total	
289		15,034	
Average daily issue.		Average week day issue.	
Home issue	1,058	Home issue	1,058
Library issue	111	Library issue	130
Reading-room issue	453	Reading-room issue	525
Total		Total	
1,622		1,713	

HOLIDAY ISSUE.

	Home.	Library.	R. Room.	Total.
July Fourth	79	81	134	294
Thanksgiving	158	62	211	431
Christmas	32	68	174	274
New Year	153	95	326	574
Washington's Birthday	1,289	202	474	1,965
	1,711	508	1,319	3,538
Average	342	101	264	707

CHARACTER OF THE READING.

After noting the character of the additions for the year no one will be surprised to find that there was a great increase in the ratio of fiction drawn for home reading. In my report for 1890 I called attention to the decrease of the fiction percentage in the preceding eight years from 62 per cent to 52 1-2. During the past year it rose again to 59 per cent. In view of the large influx of new readers, I expected it would go higher. It is gratifying to know from the records of this and former years that the novels issued oftenest are, in general and in the long run, the best

novels, those which the general consensus has pronounced the finest examples of imaginative prose. Each season has its passing favorite; but the great masterpieces of fiction, like *Les Misérables* and *Vanity Fair*, *David Copperfield*, *Ivanhoe* and *Scarlet Letter*, hold their high places year after year and decade after decade.

A careful compilation of the records for December, January and February showed that during those months the following twenty books were drawn more often than any others. They are given in the order of popularity with the number of times each was issued:

<i>Vanity Fair</i>	542	<i>First Violin</i>	237
<i>Count of Monte Cristo</i>	523	<i>Heavenly Twins</i>	237
<i>Les Misérables</i>	474	<i>Saracinesca</i>	217
<i>Ben Hur</i>	412	<i>At the Mercy of Tiberius</i>	213
<i>David Copperfield</i>	358	<i>The Fair God</i>	180
<i>Ivanhoe</i>	327	<i>Gretchen</i>	165
<i>Wandering Jew</i>	304	<i>Charles O'Malley</i>	154
<i>Colonel's Daughter</i>	297	<i>Uncle Tom's Cabin</i>	137
<i>Scarlet Letter</i>	295	<i>One Summer</i>	136
<i>Trilby</i>	263	<i>Marcella</i>	131

Pressure of more important affairs prevented the continuance of this collation of statistics through the months of March and April. If these months had been included *Trilby* would undoubtedly have ranked much higher. It may be of interest to note the circulation of a few books in other lines as evidence of the fact that all reading is not purely for entertainment. During a period of six months *Bulfinch's Age of Fable* (ten copies) was issued 74 times; *Mrs. Custer's Boots and Saddles*, 27 times; *Meadowcroft's A. B. C. of electricity*, 22 times; *Roe's Play and Profit in My Garden*, 18 times; *Kant's Critique of Pure Reason*, 14 times, and *George's Progress and Poverty*, 12 times.

WORK OF THE ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Every detail of library administration has one and the same aim; the activities of every one connected with it, from president to messenger boy, converge at the same point. The board determining the general policy of the institution and the apprentice pasting in labels are working towards the same end. That is to get books into the hands of the people, to offer them every facility for reading and every inducement to read, and to do this with as little expense as

is consistent with the accomplishment of what is the primary and the ultimate object of the library's existence. The end and aim of the public library is tersely and comprehensively presented by the motto of the American Library Association: "The best reading to the greatest number at the least cost."

All the details of the processes I have described have been chosen, or adapted, or invented, solely for the accomplishment of this object. If, then, the final process of issuing and receiving books is not well adapted to the end in view all of the previous work is of little avail. Next to intelligence and courtesy and activity on the part of the assistants in the issue department, the most important element of satisfactory service is a good method of issuing and receiving books and recording loans.

CHARGING SYSTEM.

The chief desiderata of a charging system are rapidity and accuracy. Statistics are a minor consideration. The public cares nothing for statistics: they are only a means to an end; and the end should never be sacrificed to the means. Our charging system possesses, I think, the highest degree of speed that is consistent with accuracy and the greatest accuracy consistent with the requisite rapidity; while it furnishes all the statistics that have any constant value. Twenty-five hundred volumes having been issued in a day, nearly all in ten hours, it is evident that during the busiest part of the day as many as 250 volumes per hour were given out. It would not be difficult to go far beyond this. A book can be received and receipted for within five seconds, provided everything is all right and there is no fine to be paid. It requires nothing but stamping the reader's card. The issuing of a book takes longer, involving the writing of the reader's number and stamping the "due date" in three places, but by putting on more clerks the rate can be indefinitely increased. In the hurry of receiving 2500 books and issuing as many more in a day, mistakes can hardly be altogether avoided; but our plan prevents the possibility of controversy with readers over charges believed by them to be incorrect. The question can be settled at

once by an examination of the reader's card. It is much easier to explain the system by actual illustration than by words. It is hoped that the following description will be clear, at least to those familiar with other charging systems. As stated in my last report, the plan is essentially the same as that in use for several years at Newark, which was pronounced the best of the numerous systems exhibited at the Columbian Exposition.

Each reader is given a card, which must be presented whenever a book is drawn, returned or renewed. On one side of this card is his name and a few important directions; on the other side his number and thirty spaces for charge and cancellation.

Each circulating volume has in it, while in the library, a book card, on which is written the accession number, author, title and class. When the book is out this card is in the charging tray.

To get a book for home use the applicant hands to the receiving clerk his reader's card with a list of books wanted. This list and card are given to a runner who gets the first book on the list that is in and leaves book, card and list with the issue clerk.

If a book is to be returned, it, with card and list of books wanted, is handed to the receiving clerk. The current date, *i. e.*, the date of its return, is stamped on the card, which, with the list, is given to a runner as before, and the book is issued by the issue clerk. The book that was just returned is given to the clerk at the charging tray, who takes the book-card from the tray and replaces it in the pocket of the book, which is then ready to be put back on the shelves.

When a book is issued the card-holder's number, which appears on his card, is written on the book-card and the date when the book will be due is stamped opposite. This same date is also stamped on the reader's card and on a label pasted opposite the inside cover. This last entry is necessary in order to find the book-card in the charging tray without detaining the person returning the book.

During the day the book-cards which represent the day's issue, after being counted for the report of circulation, are

arranged by authors in a tray under the date when the books will fall due.

“Collection of Duplicates” and extra books are issued in the same manner but on extra cards. These cards can be bought at the receiving desk at the following prices: Single issue, 5 cents; five issues, 25 cents; ten issues, 50 cents, and twenty-five issues, \$1.

A book can be renewed by either of three ways:

1st. If the book is brought to the library it is handed to the receiving clerk, who is told that it is to be renewed. The book-card is then looked up, and the proper charge is made by the issue clerk.

2d. If by mail, the reader's card must be sent with a memorandum of the author and title of the book and a stamped and addressed envelope for the return of the card. From these memoranda an assistant renews the book and returns the card.

3d. When the card only is brought to the library the reader's card with a slip bearing author and title of book to be renewed is handed to the receiving clerk. The new dates are stamped on the card immediately and the slip mentioned above filed until the next day, when the book is renewed with the mail requests.

This seems an elaborate and cumbrous system when set forth in words. That it is really very expeditious is shown by the fact that we have, without effort or confusion, issued 2500 volumes in a day.

NOTIFICATIONS, FINES AND PENALTIES.

A fine of two cents a day is charged on all overdue books. When a book is six days overdue a postal card is sent calling attention to the fact. On the 10th day a second notice, quoting the city ordinance covering the case, is sent under seal. If no attention is paid to this on the 15th day a messenger is sent after the book. If this does not bring a satisfactory response the guarantor is notified; and at the end of thirty days the whole matter is turned over to the City Attorney for prosecution.

The sending out of these notices adds an appreciable item to the work of the issue department, occupying the time

of an assistant for about an hour and a half every day. The notices to readers sent out in the ordinary routine of the issue and registration departments reached an aggregate of 6283 for the year—3852 for books overdue; 836 for books renewed; 270 notifications of new books added; 1325 miscellaneous, relating chiefly to the registration.

The city ordinance for the protection of library property makes it a misdemeanor not to return books after notification; and it is the duty of the City Attorney "promptly to prosecute all violations of this ordinance." Thus far very few cases have called for legal action. In January, eight delinquents were reported to the City Attorney; of these five settled before going to trial; two had left the city, and the court, being unable to get a personal service, continued the cases indefinitely. In the eighth case judgment was rendered in favor of the library and a fine of five dollars and costs was assessed.

Besides these three books, seven others drawn for use in the rooms have not yet been found.

It is encouraging and doubly gratifying to note the fact that out of more than half a million books and periodicals issued only ten were not returned. This result indicates that St. Louis will confirm the experience of other cities as to the general trustworthiness of the people who use a free library.

THE LIBRARY STAFF.

The great increase in the work has necessitated a large increase in the list of employees. With the exception of the three assistant cataloguers the additions have consisted entirely of apprentices and messengers. All appointments have been made by competitive examination. The questions are adapted to the position to be filled, the examinations of messenger boys being much more elementary than that of the young women who enter as apprentices. The latter must have at least the equivalent of a first class high school education and must pass a fair examination in general history, general literature and general information, and show some knowledge of at least two foreign languages. Success in

the examination, which is competitive, secures a probationary appointment as apprentice, and subsequent advancement depends on efficiency.

I cannot close this record of the year's work without bearing hearty testimony to the efficiency and industry and general good spirit of the staff. Its work has reflected the singleness of purpose and perfect harmony of action that has characterized the Board and exemplifies the power of a common aim—and that a high one—to call forth the best that is in people and to secure from them a loyalty and faithfulness that does not pertain to the average of the world's service.

DEATH OF JANITOR HEADE.

No one in the employ of the Library was more actuated by a desire to do his whole duty than Richard Heade, who died after twenty years service as janitor. He will always be remembered by me as among the most honest, conscientious, faithful, painstaking, loyal and pure-hearted men I have ever known.

In conclusion, I beg leave to thank your honorable body for the perfect confidence you have reposed in me, to congratulate you on the successful inauguration of an enterprise fraught with incalculable good to St. Louis, and to bespeak from our citizens the appreciation that is due to your wise administration and disinterested labors.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

June 8, 1895.

State of Missouri,
City of St. Louis—ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared E. C. Rowse, personally known to me, who being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30th, 1895, on account of city appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

EDWARD C. ROWSE,
Chairman Auditing Committee Board of Directors St. Louis
Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of June,
1895.

[Seal.]

WM. E. RAYNOR,
Notary Public.

My term expires Nov. 1, 1897.

State of Missouri,
City of St. Louis—ss.

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Mr. F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report to the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 7th day of June,
1895.

[Seal.]

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.

My official term expires March 14th, 1897.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS, MAY 1, 1894–APRIL 30, 1895.

1074 Volumes and 1362 Pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations from 419 sources, as follow:

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Aguilar Free Library, N. Y.....	2		Boston, Mass., Museum of Fine Arts	1	
Alabama, Adjutant General....	2		Boston, Mass., Public Library..	1	
Alabama Department of Education	1		Boston, Mass., Public Schools..	6	
Alabama Geological Survey....	1		Boston, Mass., Record Commissioners	2	...
Amer. Forestry Association....	3		Boston, Mass., Better Dwelling Society	1	
Amer. Humanitarian League...	1	...	Boston, Mass., Channing Club..	3	
Amer. Institute of Homeopathy	1	...	Boston, Mass., Provident Association	1	
Amer. Laryngological Association	2	...	Boston Society	1	
Amer. Pharmaceutical Association	1	...	Bowditch, Dr. H. P., Cambridge, Mass.....	1	
Amer. Society for the Extension of University Teaching..	1		Bowdoin College, Brunswick, Me.	2	
Amer. Swedenborg Printing & Publishing Co.....	4	...	Bradlee, Caleb D., Boston.....	2	
Amer. Unitarian Association...	1		Brentano Publishing Co., Paris	1	
Amherst College, Amherst, Mass	3		Bridgeport, Conn., Public Library	1	
Andover Theological Seminary, Andover, Mass.....	1		British Economic Association..	2	
Anonymous	8	...	Brokaw, Warren E.....	1	
Appel, Oscar A.....	1		Brookline, Mass., Public Library	4	
Argentine Republic, Direccion General de Correos, Telegrafos	1	...	Brooklyn, N. Y., Brooklyn Library	1	
Arkansas Geological Survey...	1	...	Brooklyn, N. Y., Supt. of Public Instruction	1	
Association of Military Surgeons of U. S.....	1	...	Brown University, Providence, R. I.....	2	
Astor Library, N. Y.....	1		Bryant, William M.....	1	
Atlanta, Ga., Board of Education	2		Buffalo, N. Y., Buffalo Library..	1	
Austin, Tex., Mayor.....	1	...	Buffalo, N. Y., Charity Organization Soc.....	1	
Babcock & Wilcox Co.....	3	...	Butte City, Mont., Public Library	1	...
Baillie's Institution, Glasgow, Scot.	1		Cadbury, Richard, Philadelphia	1	
Bakewell, Paul	1	9	California State Mining Bureau	2	
Bangor, Me., Public Library....	1		California University	8	
Barnes, Arthur J.....	5	...	California World's Fair Commission	1	...
Bartholdt, Hon. Richard.....	1		Carpenter, Mrs. Geo. O., Jr....	1	
Beckwith, Paul.....	6		Cedar Rapids, Ia., Masonic Library	1	
Beggs, Dr. William.....	1	...	Chicago, Ill., Historical Society	1	
Berlin, Magistrats zu.....	2		Chicago, Ill., Public Library...	1	
Bigelow Free Public Library, Clinton, Mass.....	1		Chicago, Ill., Public Schools...	1	...
Birmingham, Eng., Free Libraries	1		Chicago, Ill., University of Chicago	1	
Birmingham, School Board....	1	...	Chicago, Ill., Sunset Club.....	1	...
Bohemian Gymnastic Assoc., Sokol, St. Louis.....	1	...	Chill. S. A., National Library..	1	...
Boston, Mass., Board of Commissioners of Saving Banks..	2	...	Cincinnati, O., Public Library..	6	
Boston, Mass., Board of Railroad Comm'rs.....	1	...	Clerkenwell Public Library, London	1	
Boston, Mass., Chamber of Commerce	1	...	Cleveland, O., Public Library..	4	
Boston, Mass., Mayor.....	5				

	Vols. Pphs.			Vols. Pphs.	
Cobb, Hon. Seth W.....	7	2	Hartford, Conn., Bureau of La-		
Cobden Club, London.....	...	4	bor Statistics	1	...
Coin Publishing Co., Chicago...	3	...	Hartford, Conn., Public Li-		
Cole, H. W. Albany, N. Y.....	1	...	brary .....	...	3
College of New Jersey, Prince-			Hartford Conn., Theological		
ton, N. J.....	1	...	Seminary .....	...	1
Columbia College, N. Y.....	...	2	Hatch, Hon. William H.....	...	2
Cook, Patrick F.....	2	...	Hazard, R., Peace Dale, R. I....	...	2
Connecticut Historical Society...	...	1	Hearn, George A., N. Y.....	1	...
Cornell University, Ithaca, N.			Helena, Mont., Public Library..	...	16
Y.....	2	1	Holcombe, William H.....	...	1
Council Bluffs, Ia., Public Li-			How, Col. James F.....	...	2
brary .....	...	1	Howard, J. J., Blackheath, Eng	...	1
Crunden, Frederick M.....	...	3	Howard Publishing Co., De-		
Curtman, Dr. Charles O.....	1	...	troit, Mich	1	1
Davies, John F., Butte, Mont..	1	...	Illinois Bureau of Labor Sta-		
Davis, John D.....	...	1	tistics	2	2
Dayton, O., Public Library....	...	1	Illinois, Secretary of State....	10	...
Debalako, John.....	5	...	Illinois State Board of Agri-		
Decatur, Ill., Board of Educa-			culture .....	...	5
tion .....	...	1	Illinois State Dental Society...	...	1
De Menil, Alexander.....	...	1	Illinois State Historical Li-		
Denver, Col., Board of Charit-			brary .....	...	1
ties and Corrections.....	...	1	Illinois, University of Illinois..	1	1
Des Moines, Ia., Public Li-			Indiana Bureau of Statistics..	2	...
brary	1	1	Indiana, State Geologist.....	2	2
Detroit, Mich., Public Library..	1	3	International Congress of		
Deutsche Medicinische Gesell-			Charities, Chicago.....	1	...
schaft, St. Louis	5	36	Iowa, Adjutant General.....	...	1
Dodd, Samuel M.....	2	...	Iowa Geological Survey.....	3	...
Dodge, H. A., San Francisco,			Iowa, Secretary of State.....	1	...
Cal .....	...	1	Italy, Ministero di Agricoltura.	1	...
Donna Anna, New Mexico,			Jersey City, N. J., Free Public		
Trustee for the Children of			Library .....	...	2
Shalam	1	...	Jewett, Elliot C.....	133	...
Dorren, Mrs. Marie A.....	...	1	Judson, Frederick N.....	71	23
Dover, N. H., Public Library...	...	2	Kansas Academy of Science...	2	...
Drexel Institute, Philadelphia..	...	3	Kansas Board of World's Fair		
Dunn, Edward J.....	1	...	Managers	1	...
East St. Louis, Ill., Public Li-			Kansas Dept. of Insurance....	2	...
brary	3	2	Kansas University of Kansas..	...	14
Edgell, George S., N. Y.....	2	1	Kargau, Ernst D.....	1	...
Edinburgh, Scot., Public Li-			Karst, Emil.....	...	3
brary .....	...	1	Kastelic, G. A., N. Y.....	...	1
Emeny, John J.....	...	1	Kaviratna, Avinash C., Cal-		
Emmons, Miss Margaret.....	...	1	cutta, India .....	...	5
Enoch Pratt Free Library,			Kellogg, E. L. & Co., N. Y....	1	...
Baltimore, Md.....	...	1	King, Moses, Boston.....	2	...
Field Columbian Museum, Chi-			Kirchner, Dr. H. C. A.....	2	108
cago .....	...	1	Lancaster, Mass., Public Li-		
Fletcher Free Library, Bur-			brary .....	...	1
lington, Vt.....	...	1	Lange, Louis, Publisher .....	...	1
Fort Wayne, Ind., Public Li-			Lawrence, Mass., Public Li-		
brary .....	...	1	brary .....	...	5
Franklin Institute, Philadel-			Lawrence, Dr. J. J.....	...	1
phia. ....	...	1	Leeds, Eng., Free Public Li-		
Friends' Free Library, Ger-			brary .....	...	1
mantown, Pa.....	...	1	Leland Stanford Junior Uni-		
Georgia Department of Educa-			versity, Palo Alto, Cal.....	...	1
tion .....	...	1	Lenox Library, N. Y.....	...	1
Georgia State Board of Agri-			Leyton, Eng., Public Library..	...	1
culture	1	1	Library Bureau, Boston.....	...	1
Glasgow, Scot., Stirling's Li-			Linton, Hon. William S.....	...	1
brary .....	...	1	Lippman, Morris J.....	...	4
Glasgow, Scot., University....	1	...	Liverpool, Eng., Free Public		
Glatfelter, Dr. Noah M.....	...	2	Library .....	...	1
Godkin, Edwin L., N. Y.....	...	1	London, Eng., Guildhall	2	...
Goldstein, Dr. Max A.....	...	1	London, Eng., Peabody Dona-		
Goubareff, D. N., Beaulieu-sur-			tion Fund .....	...	1
Mer, France .....	...	1	London, Eng., Public Libraries		
Grand Rapids, Mich., Public			and Museums.....	...	1
Library .....	...	2	Los Angeles, Cal., Public Li-		
Gravenhage, S., Netherlands,			brary	1	4
Koninklijke, Bibliotheek....	...	2	Lovell, Coryell & Co., N. Y....	...	1
Greene, Frank T.....	1	...	Lublin, D., Sacramento, Cal....	...	1
Greene, Hon. S. A., Boston,			Lynn, Mass., Public Library...	...	2
Mass	4	23	McKendree College, Lebanon,		
Halsted, Miss Leonora B.....	53	...	Ill.....	...	1
Hamilton, Ont., Public Library	...	1	Manchester, Eng., Public Free		
Harlem Library, N. Y.....	...	4	Libraries .....	...	1
Harvard College, Cambridge,			Manchester, N. H., City Li-		
Mass	2	...	brary .....	...	4

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Manitoba, Canada, Historical and Scientific Society.....	...	4	Montana, State Boiler Inspector .....	...	1
Manley, W. E., D. D.....	...	1	Montana, Supt. of Public Instruction .....	...	1
Maryland Bureau of Industrial Statistics .....	...	1	Moore, Robert.....	...	2
Maryland Commissioner of the Land Office .....	...	1	Morgan, Geo. H.....	1	...
Maryland Insurance Comm'r....	4	...	Mueller, Miss Pauline.....	...	7
Maryland Medico-Chirurgical Faculty .....	...	1	National Civil Service League. ....	...	2
Maryland Treasury Department	1	...	National Conference of Charities and Corrections.....	...	2
Massachusetts, Adjutant-General	1	...	National Divorce Reform League .....	...	2
Massachusetts, Auditor's Dept.	2	...	National Electric Light Association	1	...
Massachusetts Board of Railroad Comm'rs	1	...	Nebraska, State Librarian.....	32	40
Massachusetts Board of World's Fair Managers.....	1	...	Nevada, Adjutant General.....	...	1
Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor.....	2	...	Nevada, State Bureau of Immigration .....	...	1
Massachusetts, Comm'r of Public Records.....	...	2	Nevada, State Librarian.....	...	1
Massachusetts, Comm'rs of Prisons	1	...	Newark, N. J., Free Public Library .....	...	5
Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary .....	...	1	New Bedford, Mass., Free Public Library .....	...	1
Massachusetts Fish Comm'rs..	...	1	Newburgh, N. Y., Board of Education .....	...	1
Massachusetts Historical Society	1	...	Newport, R. I., Redwood Library .....	...	1
Massachusetts, Secretary of the Commonwealth	2	...	New Haven, Conn., Public Library .....	...	2
Massachusetts State Board of Agriculture	2	...	New London, Conn., Public Library .....	...	4
Massachusetts State Board of Arbitration	1	...	New Hampshire, Soldiers' Home .....	...	1
Massachusetts State Board of Education	2	...	New Jersey, Bureau of Statistics of Labor	1	...
Massachusetts State Board of Health	6	...	New South Wales, Minister of Public Instruction	1	...
Massachusetts State Board of Lunacy and Charity.....	1	...	New York (State) Library.....	43	5
Mekeel, C. H. & Co.....	1	...	New York (State) Reservation at Niagara .....	...	2
Michigan Agricultural College. ....	...	1	New York (State) University... ..	3	9
Michigan, Comm'r of Railroads	1	...	New York (City) Farmers.....	...	2
Michigan State Board of Corrections and Charities.....	1	1	New York (City) Free Library of the General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen.....	...	2
Michigan State Board of Health	1	2	New York (City) Mercantile Library .....	...	8
Michigan State Horticultural Society	13	...	New York (City) Society of N. Y. Hospital.....	...	1
Michigan State Public School for Dependent and Neglected Children .....	...	1	New York (City) Woman's Hospital .....	...	1
Michigan, University of Michigan	1	...	Newnham College, Cambridge, Eng. ....	...	1
Milwaukee, Wis., Chamber of Commerce	1	...	Noble, Gen. John W.....	...	1
Milwaukee, Wis., Mayor.....	1	...	Nolan, Dr. E. J., Philadelphia..	...	1
Milwaukee, Wis., Public Library .....	...	4	North Adams, Mass., Public Library .....	...	1
Milwaukee, Wis., Pub. Schools..	4	...	North Dakota, Agricultural Experiment Station .....	...	3
Minneapolis, Minn., Public Library .....	...	4	North Dakota, State Auditor... ..	...	1
Minnesota Historical Society.....	2	...	North Dakota, State Board of Dental Examiners .....	...	2
Minnesota University of Minn.	1	...	Ohio, Board of State Charities.	1	6
Missouri Botanical Garden....	1	2	Ohio, Dept. of Factory Inspection	1	...
Missouri, Bureau of Labor Statistics	1	...	Ohio, Insurance Department... ..	1	...
Missouri, Geological Survey... ..	2	2	Ohio, State Board of Agriculture	1	...
Missouri, Historical Society.....	...	1	O'Neill, Hon. John J.....	...	10
Missouri, Medical Association..	...	1	Orme, R. M., Savannah, Ga.....	...	1
Missouri, State Auditor.....	4	...	Orrington Lunt Free Library, Evanston, Ill.....	...	1
Missouri, State Mine Inspector.	1	...	Owens, Samuel C.....	...	2
Missouri, State Treasurer.....	1	...	Parvin, T. S., Cedar Rapids, Ia. ....	...	1
Missouri, State University.....	...	2	Payne, W. W., Northfield, Minn. ....	...	1
Missouri, Pacific Railroad Co. ....	...	1	Peabody Institute, Baltimore, Md.	1	...
Montana, Governor.....	1	2	Pennsylvania, Attorney General	2	...
Montana, Inspector of Mines..	...	1			
Montana, State Auditor.....	...	1			

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Pennsylvania, Comm'r. of Soldiers' Orphans' Schools.....	3	1	St. Louis, Mo., Museum of Fine Arts	1	1
Pennsylvania, Secretary of Internal Affairs.....	6	...	St. Louis News Co.....	2	1
Pennsylvania, University of Penn.	4	...	St. Louis Post-Dispatch.....	2	1
Perkins Institution for the Blind, Boston.....	1	...	St. Louis Provident Ass'n.....	2	1
Peoria, Ill., Public Library.....	2	...	St. Louis, Mo., South Side Review Club.....	2	...
Philadelphia, Pa., Academy of Natural Sciences	3	...	St. Louis University.....	1	1
Philadelphia, Pa., Library Company	2	...	St. Louis, Mo., Wednesday Club	3	...
Philadelphia, Public Library...	1	...	St. Louis, Mo., Young Men's Christian Ass'n.....	2	2
Philadelphia, Apprentices' Library Co.....	3	...	St. Paul, Minn., Public Library	1	1
Philadelphia, City Institute...	2	...	Sale, Rev. Samuel.....	2	...
Philadelphia, College of Pharmacy	1	...	Salem, Mass., Public Library...	13	13
Philadelphia, Indian Rights Association	3	...	Salt Lake City, Utah, Public Schools	1	1
Philadelphia, Mercantile Library	4	...	San Francisco, Cal., Free Public Library.....	3	3
Philadelphia, Yearly Meeting of Friends.....	1	...	San Francisco, Cal., Mercantile Library	1	1
Phillips, Mrs. A. V.....	70	...	San Francisco, Cal., St. Ignatius' College.....	1	1
Plymouth, Eng., Free Public Library	2	...	Scranton, Pa., Public Library..	2	2
Pohle, Dr. Joseph.....	1	...	Seaver, E. P., Boston.....	1	1
Pope, Albert A., Boston.....	1	...	Seigfried, Miller, & Sohn, Berlin	1	1
Portland, Oregon, Library Association	2	...	Sheffield, Eng., Free Public Libraries	1	1
Portland, Oregon, Public Library	5	...	Sheldon, William L.....	1	9
Princeton, N. J., Theological Seminary	1	...	Smithsonian Inst.....	4	10
Providence, R. I., Public Library	1	...	Snead & Co., Iron Works, Louisville, Ky.....	1	...
Providence, R. I., Railroad Comm'rs.	1	...	Soudler, H. Le, Paris.....	5	5
Pullman Palace Car Co.....	1	...	South Carolina, College.....	2	2
Putnam's Sons, New Rochelle, N. Y.....	1	...	South Carolina, Controller General	1	1
Quebec, Canada, City Treasurer	1	...	South Carolina, Military Academy	1	1
Ray, Pratapa C., Calcutta, India	6	...	South Carolina, State Treasurer	2	2
Reynolds Library, Rochester, N. Y.....	1	...	South Dakota, Secretary of State	1	2
Rhode Island, Board of State Charities and Corrections....	1	...	South Hadley, Mass., Mount Holyoke College.....	1	1
Rowse, Edward C.....	28	...	Spencer Dr. Horatio N.....	1	...
Russell, Hamlin.....	1	...	Springfield, Mass., Library Association	6	6
St. Joseph, Mo., Free Public Library	1	...	Stevens, B. F., London.....	1	5
St. Louis, Mo., City Auditor...	1	...	Stratford-on-Avon, England, Shakespeare Memorial Library	1	1
St. Louis, Mo., City Register...	4	...	Sydney, N. S. W., Free Public Library	1	1
St. Louis, Mo., Committee of Public Safety.....	1	...	Tauchnitz, B. Leipzig.....	1	...
St. Louis, Mo., Health Department	2	10	Taunton, Mass., Public Library	1	...
St. Louis, Mo., Park Comm'r...	1	...	Taussig, William, Pres. St. Louis Bridge & Terminal Company	1	...
St. Louis, Mo., Public Schools..	12	1	Thomas, William S.....	1	...
St. Louis, Mo., Academy of Science	4	...	Thwaites, R. G., Madison, Wis.	2	2
St. Louis, Mo., Christian Science Ass'n. of St. L.....	1	...	Topeka, Kan., Public Library..	1	1
St. Louis, Mo., College of Pharmacy	1	...	Toronto, Canada, Public Library	1	1
St. Louis, Mo., Commercial Club.	5	...	Trans-Mississippi Congress....	3	3
St. Louis, Mo., Evening Dispensary for Women.....	1	...	Trinity College, Hartford, Conn	1	1
St. Louis, Mo., Hospital Saturday and Sunday Ass'n.....	1	...	U. S. Bureau of Education.....	2	2
St. Louis, Mo., Knights of St. Patrick	1	...	U. S. Census Bureau.....	1	8
St. Louis, Mo., Mercantile Club	1	...	U. S. Civil Service Commission.	1	...
St. Louis, Mo., Mercantile Library	1	...	U. S. Comm'r. of Fish and Fisheries	1	3
St. Louis, Mo., Merchants' Exchange	18	...	U. S. Comm'r of Labor.....	8	...
			U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.....	5	357
			U. S. Dept. of the Interior.....	292	26
			U. S. Dept. of State.....	8	8
			U. S. Interstate Commerce Comm'n	3	2
			U. S. Naval Academy.....	9	...
			U. S. Navy Department.....	1	1
			U. S. Surgeon General.....	1	...
			U. S. Treasury Department....	13	63
			U. S. War Department.....	13	9

	Vols.	Ppss.		Vols.	Ppss.
U. S. Weather Bureau	19		Wisconsin, Commissioner of Fisheries	1	
General Experi-	2	2	Wisconsin, State Superintendent	1	
Vermont, Ver-	7		Withers Public Library, Bloomington, Ill.	1	
mont	11	12	Witt, Frank G.	1	
Washington University, St.	1		Woodward, H.	2	
A R. N. Y.	9		Worcester, Mass.		
Public Library	1	7	Library	9	
Public Li-	2		Wyoming, State Auditor	2	
brary	5		Wyoming, State Engineer	2	
Wisconsin, Bureau of Labor Statistics	1		Yale University, New Haven, Conn.	3	
			Young Men's Christian Association, N. Y.	1	

NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS DONATED.

GENERAL PERIODICALS.

Berne, Switzerland, Pro-	Monthly	Journal	Weekly
priete Industrielle	Monthly	Wisdom	Monthly
B. Fabian	Monthly	Review	Monthly
B. Em-	Quarterly	Land of	Monthly
B. d	Monthly	Los Angeles, Cal., Investor	Weekly
Boston, The	Monthly	Los Angeles, Cal., California	Monthly
Boston, New	Quarterly	Cultivator	Monthly
"	Monthly	Mil	Monthly
The School	Weekly	Mi	Monthly
Va. Alumni	Weekly	Ne	Weekly
he Univ. of	Monthly	Ne	Weekly
Virginia	Monthly	New York, Delta Kappa Ep-	Monthly
Chicago, Atrulatic Review	Monthly	N.	Quarterly
go York American	Monthly	New York,	Monthly
Chicago Hearings	Weekly	New York,	Weekly
Chicago Citizen	Monthly	essenger	Weekly
Chicago Elite	Weekly	New York, New Earth	Monthly
Chicago Kindergarten (Froebel Society)	Monthly	New York, Painting and	Monthly
Chicago Office Men's Record	Quarterly	Decorating	Monthly
Chicago Railway Review	Weekly	New York, London & Madras,	Monthly
Chicago & New York Ref-	Weekly	Path	Monthly
erence	Weekly	New York,	Monthly
Chicago & New York Self-	Monthly	New York, Stre	Weekly
culture	Monthly	Gazette	Weekly
Chicago, Stationary Engineer	Monthly	New York, Street Railway	Monthly
Chicago, Stationer &	Weekly	Journal	Monthly
Printer	Semi-monthly	International Privé	Monthly
Chicago,	Weekly	Philadelphia, News	Monthly
Cincinnati, Furniture Worker	Weekly	Philadelphia, Food Home and	Weekly
Columbia, M. S. U. Independ-	Monthly	Garden	Weekly
ent	Monthly	Philadelphia, Journal of Zoo-	Monthly
Columbia, Missouri State ag-	Irregular	philly	Monthly
Concord, H. al of	Irregular	Philadelphia, Woman's Pro-	Monthly
Speculative Philosophy	Irregular	gress	Monthly
Dallas, Tex., Texas Farm &	Weekly	Pittsburg,	Monthly
Ranch	Weekly	St. Louis,	Weekly
Denver, Books	Monthly	St. Louis,	Weekly
Denver, Mining Industry	Weekly	St. Louis,	Weekly
Detroit, Fernin's Stenographer	Monthly	St. Louis,	Weekly
Hartford,	Monthly	St. Louis,	Weekly
Record	Bi monthly	view	Bi-monthly
Hartford,	Monthly	St. Louis, Building and Trades	Weekly
Hartford, Traveler's Record	Monthly	Journal	Weekly
Honolulu, Paradise of the	Monthly	St. Louis, Central Baptist	Weekly
Pacific	Monthly	St. Louis, Central Law Journal	Weekly
Ithaca, N. Y.	Monthly	St. Louis, Christian Register	Weekly
Agricultural	Monthly	St. Louis, Christian Science	Monthly
tion Bulletin	Monthly	Journal	Monthly
Kansas City, Grocer's Jour-	Semi-monthly	St. Louis, Church News	Monthly
nal of Commerce	Monthly	St. Louis, Electrical Worker	Monthly
Knoxville, Tenn., Tennessee	Monthly		
University Magazine	Monthly		
Lamoni, Ia., Autumn Leaves	Monthly		

St. Louis & Kansas City.
 Farm Machinery.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Hesperion.....Quarterly
 St. Louis. Mekeel's Weekly.....Weekly
 St. Louis & Kansas City.
 Mid-Continent.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Mirror.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Missouri Sanita-
 rian.....Monthly
 St. Louis. Non-Sectarian.....Monthly
 St. Louis. Pedal.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Philatelic Journal.....Monthly
 St. Louis. Christian Advocate.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Humorist.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Life.....Weekly
 St. Louis. St. Louis Lumber-
 man.....Monthly
 St. Louis. St. Louis Truth.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Schalk.....Weekly
 St. Louis. School and Home.....Fortnightly
 St. Louis. Shoe and Leather
 Gazette.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Squib.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Stores and Hard-
 ware Reporter.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Student Life.....Monthly
 St. Louis. Western Builder.....Weekly
 Salem, Mass. Essex Bulletin.....Irregular
 Salem, Mass. Essex Institute
 Historical Collections.....Irregular

San Francisco, California
 Architect.....Monthly
 San Francisco, Mexican Ex-
 position.....Semi-monthly
 Topeka, Kan., Western School
 Journal.....Monthly
 Toronto, Canada, Educational.....Monthly
 Urbana, Ill., Ill. Univ. Agri-
 cultural Experiment Sta.
 Bulletin.....Irregular
 Utica, N. Y., Poultry World.....Monthly
 Washington & New York.
 Good Government.....Monthly
 Washington. Kate Field's
 Washington.....Weekly
 Washington, U. S. Congres-
 sional Records.....
 Washington, U. S. Consular
 Reports.....Monthly
 Washington, U. S. Special
 Consular Reports.....Irregular
 Washington, U. S. Dept. Ag-
 riculture, Insect Life.....Irregular
 Washington, U. S. Patent Of-
 fice Official Gazette.....Weekly
 Washington, Postal Record.....Monthly
 Washington, U. S. Smith-
 sonian Institution Bulletin.

MEDICAL PERIODICALS.

Chicago. National Popular
 Review.....Monthly
 Ft. Wayne, Ind. Ft. Wayne
 Medical Magazine.....Monthly
 New York's Clinical Studies.
 Minneapolis. Northwestern
 Medical Journal.....Monthly

New York. American Druggist.
Semi-monthly
 St. Louis Clinique.....Monthly
 St. Louis. Medical Brief.....Monthly
 St. Louis. Fortnightly.....Semi-monthly
 St. Louis. Medical Mirror.....Monthly
 St. Louis. Meyer Brothers
 Druggist.....Monthly

NEWSPAPERS.

Algiers. La. Algiers Herald.....Weekly
 Chicago. Chicago Evening Lamp.....Weekly
 Chicago. Chicago Netherlander.....Weekly
 Cincinnati. Light of Truth.....Weekly
 Cleveland, O. Cleveland Citizen.....Weekly
 East St. Louis. Ill. East St.
 Louis Gazette.....Daily
 East St. Louis. Ill. East St.
 Louis Journal.....Daily
 Ft. Madison, Ia. Ft. Madison
 Democrat.....Weekly
 Houston, Tex. Houston Daily
 Post.....Daily
 Kansas City. Kansas City
 Times.....Semi-weekly
 Keokuk, Ia. Keokuk Post
 Democrat.....
 Lehigh, Ill. Lehigh Journal.....Weekly
 Melbourne, Aus. The Australian.....Weekly
 Melbourne. Kipper Palace.....Daily
 New Orleans. La. N. O. Daily
 City Item.....Daily
 New York. Albany Herald.....Weekly
 New York. New Tribune.....Monthly
 Phoenix, Cal. New Era.....Weekly
 Superior. Superior
 Sydney. Australia Sydney
 Morning Herald.....Daily

Tennessee City, Tenn. Com-
 ing Nation.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Church Progress
 and Catholic World.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Colman's Rural World.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Jewish Voice.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Las Dos Naciones.....Weekly
 St. Louis. St. Louis Amerika.....Daily
 St. Louis. St. Louis Anzeiger
 des Westens.....Daily
 St. Louis. St. Louis Chronicle.....Daily
 St. Louis. St. Louis Globe
 Democrat.....Daily
 St. Louis. St. Louis Labor.....Weekly
 St. Louis. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.....Daily
 St. Louis. St. Louis Republic.....Daily
 St. Louis. St. Louis Single
 Tax Courier.....Weekly
 St. Louis. St. Louis Star-Saturns.....Daily
 St. Louis. St. Louis Tribune.....Daily
 St. Louis. St. Louis Tribune.....Daily
 St. Louis. St. Louis Westliche
 Post.....Daily
 St. Louis. The American.....Weekly
 St. Louis. Western Watchman.....Weekly
 Seattle, Wash. Seattle Press-
 Times.....Weekly

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DELIVERY STATIONS.

1. 3115 N. Market.....Whalen, J. L.
2. Grand & St. Louis Av.....Layton Drug Co.
3. Grand & Nat. Bridge Rd.....Hoenny, A. J.
4. Newstead AvLayton Drug Co.
5. East Grand & 20th.....Wurnb, T. H.
6. Salisbury & 20th.....Wurnb, T. H.
7. Broadway & N. Market.....May, C. A.
8. Olive & Vandeventer.....Swift, F. H.
9. CabanneCabanne Arcade.
10. Easton & Semple.....Arlington Drug Store.
11. Easton & 46th.....Menkhous, J. B.
12. Finney & Taylor Av.....Taylor Av. Pharmacy.
13. 1105 N. Grand Av.....West End Stationer.
14. Gravois Rd. & Arsenal.....Jost, B.
15. 2127 S. Jefferson Av.....Berg, G. G.
16. Park Av. & 20th.....Sassman, R. C. W.
17. 320 S. 7th.....Koeneke, C. H.
18. Broadway & Lami.....Heitmyer, O. F.
19. Broadway & Shirmer.....Walbel, L. F.
20. Virginia Av. & Loughborough..Blow School.
21. 3300 Meramec.....Bilz, A. W.
22. New Manchester Rd. & Tower
Grove Av.....Lehmann Bros.

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THE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

To His Honor, Cyrus P. Walbridge, Mayor of St. Louis:

In presenting our annual report and account of our stewardship as Directors for another year of the St. Louis Public Library, we are pleased to say that the year just closed has shown convincingly to us that the Free Library is destined to become a most potent factor in the life and development of this City, as well as that of any other community which will give similar advantages to its citizens. We are more and more convinced of its importance as an educator of the masses and a perpetual school for all classes. The eagerness with which the rooms have been thronged and the rapidly increasing list of registered readers testify to the importance of having such facilities for reading and reference free to all. A proper appreciation of its advantages by a city indicates a tendency towards a better and higher order of public sentiment, which can only result in an improved government, resulting in increased prosperity.

Fully appreciating the force of this, it has been the aim of the Board to so administer this important trust that the Library shall speedily grow into the affections of the entire population of the City, that they, in the language of another, "shall wear it as the chief jewel in its crown." When this sentiment is once fully and faithfully adopted by its owners, the citizens of St. Louis, no one need fear that the Library will ever lack friends or loyal supporters. To this growing sentiment we must ever look for increased facilities and for friendly legislation in its behalf.

We are pleased to say that the system of delivery stations which was referred to in our last annual report has proven a great success. Their number has been increased until there are now twenty-five different stations located in convenient parts of the city from which books can be obtained by readers without the cost of a trip to the Main Library. The Librarian's annual report shows how by increased use these stations have grown in favor with the patrons of the Library.

This method of serving the public also affords much relief at the Main Library, where the increased number of readers is already taxing our room and facilities to the utmost. The visitors to the Library during the last year (see Librarian's report) have been an average of nearly fifty thousand per month. When the cost is realized of carrying this great number in elevators to and from the sixth and seventh floors of the Board of Education Building, you can understand that any plans which will lessen this expense and risk, must be adopted.

Ever since the city acquired from the life members and the Public School Board the present Library, and opened it free, the Board of Directors has had constantly in mind the necessity of securing for it a permanent home, one which shall be centrally located, convenient of

access and in every way commensurate with the needs of a large and rapidly growing city like St. Louis, a city which can no longer be designated as the Future Great, but is the present great. A Library Building which will not only be a model building in every respect, but which shall at the same time be an object lesson in artistic and esthetic taste, making it an institution which would tend to build up and adorn local life.

Eligible property for this purpose has advanced so rapidly that the Directors became convinced that unless immediate action was taken it would soon be quite beyond their power, with the present limited income at their disposal, to secure an adequate site. With this in view, and after the most exhaustive investigation and comparison between the different properties offered within the limits of the territory which would be considered for this purpose, your Board secured 181 feet 4 inches on the southeast corner of 17th street and Lucas Place for the sum, in round numbers, of \$94,000.00, a purchase which has met the approval of all persons qualified to appraise the values of St. Louis real estate.

The terms upon which this purchase was made were, one-third cash and the balance in one and two year's time.

This large investment will necessitate the most rigid economy on the part of the Board; and the book fund will doubtless most feel the stringency, for the necessary fixed charges have always been kept down to the lowest figure consistent with the demands of the public for the most efficient service.

With a suitable lot secured, the next step towards furnishing the St. Louis Public Library with a building, such as we have indicated, is to secure an increase of income, or a special building fund.

How it is to be accomplished, is the problem which now confronts the board.

We would again most earnestly call the attention of our citizens of wealth to this opportunity for connecting their name with an institution which will shed greater lustre, be more lasting, and be of more permanent benefit to their fellow-citizens in our judgment, than a like investment in any other direction.

The situation must be met in some way. St. Louis cannot afford to have her Public Library housed in an indifferent or inconvenient manner.

We trust our successors will be enabled to solve the problem and that the day will not be far distant when St. Louis can point with pride to her Library, which shall be in keeping with all the other institutions in this metropolis of the Mississippi Valley, and second to none of any other city of like importance in the world.

In our last year's report, explaining the system of competitive examinations, which prevails exclusively in the appointments, as well as in promotions, this significant expression was used, "The force is consequently a careful selection of the fittest." We point with some degree of pride in confirmation of this statement to the fact that in a recent examination by the U. S. Government for cataloguers, open to and participated in by applicants from all parts of the country, to the number of 80, the St. Louis Public Library carried off the honors. Out of the 80 only five made the required percentage, and of these, three were from the St. Louis Public Library. The two standing highest on the list,

Misses Gibson and Chase, were at once summoned to Washington, and left the Library at the close of March.

In conclusion we would say that the same devotion to the great interest intrusted to their care, the same spirit of mutual confidence and harmony, exists in each member of the Board, evidenced by careful and earnest attention to all the details involved in carrying on a work of so much importance to the future welfare of their fellow-citizens. The lack of any serious or well-founded complaints attest to the careful and painstaking efficiency of our Librarian, and of each member of the staff.

Very respectfully submitted,

OSCAR L. WHITELOW,

President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report for the year ending April 30, 1896.

Nominally the second, but really the first complete, year of the Free Library, it fulfills the expectations created by the record of the opening year, and gives assurance of increasing and incalculable usefulness in the future. Over 12,000 new names were registered; and the total number of cards in use at the end of the year was 31,486. The issue of books for home reading was 472,718 volumes, a gain of 141,292, or nearly 45 per cent; while the total issue was 688,942, a gain of 151,529. These figures understate the total increase, because, with free access to thousands of volumes, it is impracticable to keep an accurate record of every book consulted in the rooms.

All the statistics embodied in report and appendixes are for the year beginning with May 1, 1895, and ending with April 30, 1896, except the statement of receipts and expenditures from the City Treasury, which, in order that it may agree with the accounts of the City Auditor, is made to cover the period from May 13, 1895, to May 11, 1896.

The following table gives the balances on hand at the beginning and end of the year, and exhibits in detail the receipts and expenditures. Summarized and translated into common language, it shows that:—

The income from the City tax of one-fifth of a mill was \$62,108.15, an increase of nearly \$3,000 over the previous year.

The receipts from fines were \$2,603.28, an increase of nearly \$1,100. The total amount taken in at the issue desk was \$3,652.41, an increase of \$1,000.

The total expenditure (omitting, of course, the real estate investment) was \$49,477.13, an increase of a little more than \$1,000 over the previous year.

The amount expended for enlarging the collection and keeping the books in good condition was \$15,880, an increase of nearly \$2,000 over the previous year. This total included, in round numbers, \$9,000 for books, \$6,000 for binding, and \$800 for periodicals.

The total expenditure for rent, light, elevator, furniture and repairs, etc., was \$10,371, against \$14,337 for the previous year. Comparing the separate items with those of last year, we find, as was foreseen, a reduction of \$2,000 in the furniture and repair account, also a large apparent reduction in the cost of light and elevator service. These, however, are chiefly due to an error in the bill for the last quarter, which prevented its being paid within the current year. But for this postponement the expenditure for light would have been \$1,677.60, a decrease of \$239, and for the elevators \$2,592, a reduction of \$334. The expenditure for elevator service comprises two items: \$1,236 for electric power against \$1,716 for the previous year, and \$1,356 for salaries against \$1,210 for the previous year. The real saving in light was caused by the substitution of Welsbach burners for electric lamps in the reading-room. There is also an anticipated reduction of \$500 in the item of printing and stationery.

This year the Collection of Duplicates does not seem to have paid for itself; but the account would be at least even if credit were given for the books transferred to the regular library. Without, however, making this allowance, the receipts from the Collection of Duplicates, for the two years, have exceeded the expenditures by \$384.*

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1896.

Dr.		
To bal. in City. Treas. May 13, 1895.....	\$57,674 98	
Collections May 13, 1895, to May 11, '96.....	62,108 15	
		\$119,783 18
Bal. in Bank Fund May 1, 1895.....		2,318 80
Bal. in Contingent Fund May 1, 1895.		26 49
Coll. of Dup. Cards sold.....	\$698 20	
Mag. sold.....	52 45	\$750 65
Fines.....	2,603 28	
Books sold, lost and paid for.....	154 73	
Lost cards.....	84 52	
Catalogues and bulletins.....	46 30	
Postals.....	10 38	
Old paper, etc.....	2 55	
Total desk receipts.....		\$3,652 41
Rent (from property bought in January, 1896).....		643 13
Interest.....		107 96
Total.....		\$126,531 92
Cr.		
By salaries.....		\$16,782 85
Books, Main Library.....	\$7,017 11	
Coll. of Duplicates.....	840 46	
Medical Collection.....	1,139 43	
Binding.....	6,091 20	
Periodicals.....	791 80	\$15,880 00
Building.		
Real estate purchased.....	\$41,059 37	
Rent.....	5,000 00	
Light.....	1,242 74	
Elevator Salaries.....	1,019 13	
Electric Power.....	889 02	
Heat, Sundays and Holidays.....	496 82	
Water.....	149 41	
Furniture and Repairs.....	801 30	
Insurance.....	778 50	\$51,431 29
Expense.		
Advertising.....	\$8 48	
Delivery Stations.....	725 75	
Postage.....	197 16	
Printing and Stationery.....	1,820 53	
Sundries.....	423 72	
Supplies.....	266 72	\$3,442 36
Total Expenditures (Including Real Estate Investment).....		\$90,536 50
Bal. in Bank Fund May 1, 1896.		
Cert. of dep. 1 at \$1,500.00.....	\$1,500 00	
" " " 7 " \$500.00.....	3,500 00	
Current deposit.....	881 84	
		\$5,881 84
Bal. in Contingent Fund, May 1, 1896.....		23
Bal. in City Treas. May 11, 1896.....		30,113 35
		\$126,531 92

* The character and purpose of this special department was fully explained in last year's report.

REGISTRATION.

The total registration up to April 30, 1895, the end of the first year, was 26,064, with 24,843 cards in use at that date.

During the past year the registration has increased to 38,421, and the cards in use to 31,486. Particulars are given in the following table: —

Names registered to April 30, 1895	26,064	Women	12,421
Additions for the year ending April 30, 1896.		Children	14,533
Institutions	47		38,421
Men	3,193	Less guarantors withdrawn.....	95
Women.....	3,553	“ dead	34
Children.....	5,559	“ left town.....	225
	12,357	“ cards surrendered	103
Total registration to April 30, 1896.		“ held for fines.....	866
Institutions	47	“ not yet called for.....	5,612
Men	11,420		6,935
		Total cards in use. April 30, 1896	31,486

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

Though the expenditure in the book fund exceeded that of the previous year by more than \$1,500, fewer books were purchased because the greater wear and tear caused by a largely increased circulation raised the expenditure for binding from \$1,500 to \$6,000. I am confident that at least one-fourth of this amount is due to gross carelessness on the part of cardholders. If they would but realize that it is *their own books* they are abusing and *their own money* that must pay for the damage, it might lead them to exercise a reasonable amount of care, and thus swell the additions to *their library* by one or two thousand dollars' worth each year. A dollar spent in binding is a dollar less for new books.

The additions catalogued and placed on the shelves during the year numbered 3,449 volumes against 12,068 for the previous year. The average cost per volume of the 3,809 volumes bought was \$1.54. The purchases included some important and costly medical works and a large number of medical periodicals, about \$1,500 worth in all, also 413 volumes of important miscellaneous periodicals.

Particulars regarding subjects, source and language appear in the following table: —

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1896.

Classes.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	33		33
Theology.....	173		173
Social Science	1,349		1,349
Natural Science.....	963		963
Art and Poetry.....	207		207
Fiction	2,347	222	2,569
Juvenile Literature.....	1,236		1,236
Literary Miscellany.....	699		699
Travels and History.....	747		747
Cyclopædias and Periodicals.....	356		356
	5,225	224	5,449

Source.			
Purchase	5,585	224	5,809
Gift	2,028	2,028
Pamphlets, bound	42	42
Periodicals.....	570	570
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	8,225	224	8,449
Language.			
English	7,255	224	7,479
French	307	307
German.....	607	607
Other.....	56	56
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	8,225	224	8,449

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Worn out and condemned.....	984
Lost and paid for.....	65
Charged to card-holders —	
Main Library.....	18
Ashland School.....	7
Unaccounted for.....	10
Drawn for use in Reading Room.....	5
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Total.....	1,089
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Total additions.....	8,449
Less above.....	1,089
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Net increase.....	7,360

Of the 984 volumes worn out, 535 were replaced by new copies; and of the 65 volumes lost and paid for, 45 were replaced.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

The records in this department show that 1063 volumes of duplicate government documents were disposed of as follows: returned to U. S. Public Document Bureau, 498, of which 38 were entered and 460 unentered; given to St. Louis Law Library, 440 volumes, of which 390 were entered and 50 unentered; exchanged with Kansas State Historical Society, 125 volumes, 90 entered and 35 unentered. The receipts from exchanges and donations numbered 1575 volumes and 2926 pamphlets. A complete list of donors, with number of volumes and pamphlets received from each, is given in an appendix.

The following gifts call for special mention: From Mr. Stephen D. Barlow, Jr., 160 volumes, 125 pamphlets; Mr. Frank Obear, 70 volumes; Mr. F. N. Judson, 94 volumes; Miss Sarah L. Bacon, 54 volumes, 135 pamphlets; Dr. George Homan, 453 medical pamphlets and periodicals; U. S. Department of the Interior, 169 volumes, 35 pamphlets; King of Siam, 39 volumes; New York State University, 38 volumes.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

A careful inventory, taken as explained in my last report, showed that on June 21, 1895, the collection numbered 95,614 entered volumes, besides about 6,500 volumes of duplicates and of books not yet catalogued, making a total of 102,114. From that date up to the end of the year, 7137 volumes were entered, making the total of *catalogued* books 102,751. From this must be deducted 1089 volumes worn out, sold, lost and paid for, etc., and 518 volumes exchanged and donated,

making the total of books *catalogued* 101,144. To this must be added unentered duplicates and a large number of medical books and periodicals not yet catalogued, estimated at 6000 volumes, bringing up the total contents of the Library, April 30, 1896, to 107,144 volumes. Full details appear in the following tables:—

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, JUNE 21, 1895.

MAIN LIBRARY.				SOUTH BRANCH.				
	Ref.	Circl.	Coll. of Dup.	Total.	Ref.	Circl.	Coll. of Dup.	Total. Total of all Entered Books.
Philosophy.	146	1003	1	1150	.....	42	.....	42 1192
Religion.	1983	2802	.....	4585	.....	51	.....	51 4636
Social Science.	10724	3905	.....	14629	7	50	.....	57 14686
Natural "	7475	6089	5	13569	1	113	.....	114 13683
Art and Poetry.	1110	4731	11	5852	.....	68	.....	68 5920
Fiction.	809	17084	818	18211	.....	1062	.....	1062 19273
Juveniles.	321	7376	13	7710	.....	374	.....	374 8084
Literary misc.	1438	4091	9	5538	1	18	.....	19 5557
Geog. and Hist.	2331	10866	15	13212	2	67	.....	69 13281
Cyclopedias & Mag.	7821	1421	2	9244	58	.....	.....	58 9302
Total.	33358	59168	874	93700	69	1845	.....	1914 95614

BOOKS MISSING FROM DECEMBER 31, 1893, TO JUNE 21, 1895.

	BOOKS LOST AND PAID FOR.				BOOKS WORN OUT AND WITHDRAWN.			DRAWN BY CARDBOLDERS AND NOT RETURNED.
	Reg.	C. D.	South Br'ch	Total.	Ref.	C. D.	Total.	
Philosophy.	1	.....	.....	2	1	.....	1	1
Religion. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	1
Social science.	20	.....	.....	20	4	.....	4	.....
Natural "	6	1	.....	7	4	.....	4	5
Art and poetry.	8	.....	.....	8	3	1	4	1
Fiction.	673	.....	2	675	34	7	41	8
Juveniles.	219	.....	2	221	18	.....	18	.....
Literary Misc.	11	.....	.....	11	7	1	8	.....
Geog. and Hist.	27	.....	.....	27	4	.....	4	3
Cyclopedias & Mag.	1	.....	.....	1	1	.....	1	.....
Totals.	967	1	4	972	78	9	87	19

UNACCOUNTED FOR

MAIN COLLECTION.				SOUTH BRANCH.			
	Ref.	Circl.	Col. of Dup.	Total.	Ref.	Circl.	Col. of Dup. Total.
Philosophy.	1	1	.....	2	.....	.....	..... 2
Religion.	1	3	.....	4	.....	.....	..... 4
Social science.	3	3	.....	6	.....	.....	..... 6
Natural "	4	14	.....	18	.....	.....	..... 18
Art and poetry.	2	1	.....	3	.....	.....	..... 3
Fiction.	1	14	24	125	.....	5	..... 125
Juveniles. ....	.....	75	.....	75	.....	.....	..... 75
Literary Misc. ....	.....	2	.....	10	.....	.....	..... 10
Geog. and Hist. ....	.....	2	1	3	.....	.....	..... 3
Cyclopedias & Mag.	3	2	.....	5	.....	.....	..... 5
Totals.	17	225	25	267	.....	25	25 265

DUPLICATES DISPOSED OF.

	Entered.	Unentered.	Total.
Returned to Government.....	88	460	498
Exchanged	90	35	125
Donated to St. Louis Law Library.....	390	50	440
	<u>518</u>	<u>545</u>	<u>1,063</u>

SUMMARY.

Total of entered books June 21, 1895.....	95,614
Additions June 21, 1895, to April 30, 1896.....	7,137
Total.....	<u>102,751</u>
Less { Books worn out, lost and paid for, etc.....	1,089
{ Entered duplicates, donated and exchanged.....	518
	<u>1,607</u>
Total of entered books May 1, 1896.....	101,144
Books not yet catalogued (about).....	3,000
Unentered duplicates (about).....	2,000
Volumes of unbound magazines (about).....	1,000
Total contents of Library May 1, 1896.....	<u>107,144</u>

From the above tables it appears that of the collection of over one hundred thousand catalogued volumes all were accounted for except 283. Of these, 133 were novels and 84 juveniles, making together 217 volumes worth on an average not more than seventy-five cents apiece. Of the 283, 87 were new books. This large proportion leads inevitably to the conclusion that a very large majority of the books unaccounted for were taken from the "New Book Space," or "Browsing Corner," to which all persons have free access. Here are at all times displayed three or four hundred new books and half as many old books for readers to make selections from. It is evident that unscrupulous persons have taken advantage of the privilege thus offered to rob their fellow-citizens. It does not, however, follow that all the 283 volumes are lost. The list has been reduced from month to month since it was first made out; and frequently books turn up that were reported lost in previous inventories. It would not have been difficult to prevent the loss of at least two-thirds of these books by the abridgment of privileges, especially freedom of access to the shelves; but this would be to punish the honest for the acts of the dishonest.

BINDING.

The records in this department show that 1,312 volumes (periodicals, newspapers, pamphlets, and books received in paper covers) were bound for the first time at a cost of \$878.37, an average of 66½ cents; that 11,835 volumes were rebound by contract at a cost of \$5,370.46, an average of 45 $\frac{3}{10}$ cents; and that 11,381 volumes were repaired in the Library at a cost (for material and salaries) of \$531.21, an average of 4½ cents per volume. These repairs range from the patching or fastening of a few leaves to the complete rebinding of a book. This rebinding is done in duck or cloth and is limited to books that are subject to but little wear and tear. The monthly reports on this work are summarized as follows:—

Leaves patched, 3,259 volumes; leaves replaced, 2,261 volumes; backs replaced, 1,879 volumes; backs patched, 1,792 volumes; backs lettered, 902 volumes; new backs, 371 volumes; books sewed, 266 volumes; new covers, 651 volumes.

It is inevitable that with the growth of circulation there will be a corresponding increase in the number of books to be repaired and rebound; but, as I have already said, this item of expense can be reduced at least one-fourth by reasonable care on the part of readers.

CIRCULATION.

I have already called attention to the increase of 141,292 volumes, or nearly 45 per cent, in the home issue. Full details regarding the issue in all departments will be found in the following tables:—

ISSUE BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1896.

	HOME ISSUE.				Total.	Library Issue.	Reading-Room Issue.	Total.
	Main Library.	South Branch.	Delivery Stations.	Schools.				
May...	32,974	1,163	680	2,543			11,389	51,428
June...	31,039	1,040	498	1,914			8,573	45,517
July...	37,008	1,170	405	24			8,561	50,008
August...	36,361	992	365				8,381	48,724
September...	30,291	897	443				9,686	43,573
October...	31,791	980	450				13,812	50,453
November...	35,468	942	525				15,378	56,772
December...	35,006	1,027	1,408				17,366	59,574
January...	40,234	1,133	3,213				21,002	71,967
February...	41,231	1,029	5,539				20,733	74,362
March...	40,676	1,246	6,713				19,721	74,019
April...	34,430	1,082	6,812				15,857	62,548
1895-96	426,499	12,688	27,619		472,716	48,082	170,142	688,942
1894-95	314,987	13,908	2,503		331,498	40,828	165,259	537,413
Gain.	111,512		35,116		141,292	7,254	4,783	151,329
Loss.		1,233						

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy.....	1,394	.40	716	1.55	2,510	.51
Theology.....	2,357	.61	1,808	3.46	4,462	.86
Social Science.....	5,400	2.15	3,012	6.54	8,413	1.63
Natural ".....	10,356	1.11	5,100	11.07	15,456	2.98
Art and Poetry.....	10,587	2.24	4,338	9.42	14,926	2.88
Fiction.....	278,506	68.91	8,890	19.29	287,396	55.40
Juveniles.....	199,911	27.48	3,510	7.61	183,421	35.72
Literary Miscellany.....	9,227	1.97	4,152	9.01	13,439	2.60
Geography and History.....	19,495	4.10	6,141	13.33	25,636	4.90
Cyclopedias and Magazines.....	4,425	.94	8,616	18.70	13,041	2.52
	472,716	100.00	48,082	100.00	518,800	100.00

Owing to the miscellaneous contents of most periodicals, an exact classification of them is impossible. Periodicals in the reading-room are roughly classed by their leading characteristics; and on this is based the following table, showing the

CLASSIFIED READING ROOM ISSUE.

	Issue.	Per Cent.		Issue.	Per Cent.
Philosophy.....	182	.11	Fiction.....	8,969	5.27
Theology.....	2,118	1.25	Juvenile.....	31,051	18.25
Social Science.....	48,153	28.30	Literary Misc.....	577	.33
Natural Science...	22,322	13.12	Geog. and Hist...	54,097	31.80
Art and Poetry...	2,673	1.57			
Total.....				170,142	100.00

The number of issues of representative periodicals is a better indication of the general character of the reading done in the reading room.

Puck	9,789	Golden Days.....	2,510
Judge	9,049	Youth's Companion.....	2,104
Harper's Weekly	8,032	St. Nicholas.....	2,038
Leslie's Weekly.....	5,681	Review of Reviews.....	1,977
Harper's Monthly.....	5,084	Vom Fels zum Meer	1,516
Century	4,730	North American Review.....	1,454
Scientific Amer. and Supplement.....	4,552	Forum	1,354
Illus'td London News.....	4,466	Popular Science Monthly.....	894
Scribner's.....	3,434	Electrical World.....	893
Leslie's Monthly.....	2,865	Revue des deux Mondes.....	659
Life.....	2,826	Illustrazione Italiana	668
Ueber Land und Meer.....	2,574	Independent	572
Illustrierte Zeitung.....	2,543	Engineering & Mining Journal...	362*

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Last year's report noted the satisfactory results of the establishment of two delivery stations. In December, these were incorporated in a system of stations, twenty-two in number, reaching all sections of the city. The number has since been increased to twenty-four, and through these were circulated 40,302 volumes. It will be seen from the following table that this represents chiefly the work of the last four months of the year, and therefore gives assurance of much greater service in the future. It is to be hoped that the number of books issued through the schools will be largely multiplied; but this can be done only through the co-operation of the teacher.

DELIVERY STATION ISSUE.

Station No.	May	June	July	Aug	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Total.
1.....								74	222	247	336	298	1,177
2.....								157	155	225	387	339	1,243
3.....	75	95	125	150	159	141	171	27	84	124	155	126	1,432
4.....								3	64	210	283	311	871
5.....								50	288	516	635	582	2,071
6.....	555	401	260	215	284	309	354	265	402	359	446	474	4,844
7.....								36	98	122	6	43	305
8.....								29	83	180	164	208	664
9.....								60	242	317	477	400	1,496
10.....								111	328	340	544	466	1,789
11.....									25	39	44	32	140
12.....								38	55	102	202	159	538
13.....									29	90	82	64	265
14.....	71	73	90	85	96	127	102	128	130	123	165	123	1,318
South Br..	1,092	967	1,080	907	841	803	840	899	993	906	1,083	959	11,370
15.....								1	79	110	137	107	434
16.....								143	270	301	294	403	1,411
17.....								59	145	290	345	314	1,153
18.....								9	136	196	236	205	782
19.....								90	217	343	292	341	1,283
20.....								160	364	520	580	680	2,264
21.....								12	103	202	203	211	731
22.....								104	424	718	805	954	3,005
23.....										8	56	85	149
24.....											4	30	34
Schools...													40,302
													5,917
Total....													46,219

* The issue of this is but little over one-half what it was three years ago; while nearly all the others show a substantial increase, some being almost doubled.

<i>Dec.-Feby., 1895. (3 mo's).</i>		<i>June, 1894-Apr., 1896. (23 mo's).</i>	
<i>Vanity Fair</i>	542	<i>Count of Monte Cristo</i>	1895
<i>Count of Monte Cristo</i>	523	<i>Vanity Fair</i>	1405
<i>Les Miserables</i>	474	<i>Ben Hur</i>	1394
<i>Ben Hur</i>	412	<i>Les Miserables</i>	1216
<i>David Copperfield</i>	358	<i>Three Musketeers</i>	944
<i>Ivanhoe</i>	327	<i>Scarlet Letter</i>	885
<i>Wandering Jew</i>	304	<i>Trilby</i>	863
<i>Colonel's Daughter</i>	297	<i>Prince of India</i>	855
<i>Scarlet Letter</i>	295	<i>Colonel's Daughter</i>	831
<i>Trilby</i>	263	<i>St. Elmo</i>	778

These lists, covering a period of eight years, testify to the constant popularity of the great works of fiction. *Les Miserables* stands among the first three or four in every list. *Vanity Fair*, *Scarlet Letter* and *Ben Hur* appear in all the lists. *Ivanhoe* and *Monte Cristo* are in three and *David Copperfield* and *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in two. Save one, these books have received the indorsement of generations of readers and critics and are likely to hold their high places for generations to come. Three of them, at least, belong among the books that are for all time. Well up in the extended list of the appendix are such novels as *Mill on the Floss*, *Romola*, *Adam Bede*, *Lorna Doone*, and *Marble Faun*, which will continue to instruct and delight future generations after the majority of readers shall have been educated above Augusta J. Evans and Mary J. Holmes, and the half-educated who now read these shall have been captivated by the new favorites of a period.

The highest issue of any one book is 2,170, which shows the number of times *Tom Sawyer* has been drawn, since June 1st, 1894. Including *St. Nicholas*, of which 173 volumes were in circulation, the ten juveniles that led in popularity are as follows:—

MOST POPULAR JUVENILES.

<i>St. Nicholas</i>	2874	<i>Under the Lilacs</i>	989
<i>Tom Sawyer</i>	2170	<i>Little Men</i>	982
<i>Little Women</i>	1897	<i>Andersen's Fairy Tales</i>	922
<i>Old-fashioned Girl</i>	1250	<i>Eight Cousins</i>	887
<i>Jack Hazard</i>	1108	<i>Rose in Bloom</i>	878

MISCELLANEOUS WORK OF ISSUE AND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENTS.

NOTIFICATIONS, FINES, PENALTIES, ETC.

Some idea of the amount of miscellaneous work performed in the issue and registration departments may be obtained from an appendix, which gives a list of the various records that are kept in all departments of the Library.

Affairs that concern 30,000 people and involve separate transactions amounting to three-quarters of a million, can not be properly attended to and kept in order without considerable labor — not to mention intelligence and tact. To illustrate by two of the smallest items,— during the last three months of the year (a record was not kept before that) 739 addresses of cardholders were changed and 54 notices were mailed to cardholders residing in houses reported by the Health Department for contagious diseases, directing them to deliver their books to the Health Commissioners for fumigation. The sending of the notices was the smallest part of the task. During certain periods of the year a list of houses posted was received from the Health Department every

day; and every name on these lists had to be looked up to see if any member of the family had a library book.

A large and growing task is the rewriting of book cards and readers' cards that have been filled, the number of the former for the year being 8,745 and of the latter 5,586 for the last seven months. There were 262 notices of new books added sent to persons known, or supposed, to be interested and 516 notices of books reserved by request. There were also 455 notices on various subjects relating to the business of the issue department, making, with delinquent notices, a total of 10,519 communications, all involving more or less work besides the writing.

The failure of readers to return books promptly causes a considerable addition to the routine work of the issue department. During the year 9,286 notices were sent for books overdue. These were, as explained in last year's report; first notices (postals), second notices (quoting city ordinance), notice (in form of a bill) presented by messenger, and notifications to guarantors. After the two notifications by mail it was necessary to send a messenger for 312 books. Of these 44 were brought back by the messenger, 258 were shortly returned by the cardholder, leaving 10 not yet returned,—i. e., at the close of the year. If these are not recovered or paid for within thirty days, the cases will be turned over to the City Attorney. As is the case always and everywhere, this extra labor is caused by a comparatively few persons. The same names so frequently recur that they have become familiar to the clerk, who is sure that more than half of all the notices for books overdue are sent to less than 300 out of the 30,000 cardholders. In this instance, however, the prompt do not suffer (pecuniarily, at least) for the negligent; for the fines collected in accordance with the rules of the Library pay for the stationery, postage and extra service.

Last year's report noted the fact that out of 331,000 volumes drawn for home reading only three were not returned; and out of a total issue of over half a million books and periodicals only ten were not recovered. It was hardly to be expected that such a remarkable record could be kept up indefinitely. The figures given in computing the net growth of the collection show that out of a home issue of 472,718 volumes all but 35 were returned; and about 10 of these there is a doubt which has been credited to the cardholders, leaving only 25 certified delinquents. To these must be added five volumes issued for use in the rooms, making 40 volumes not returned out of a total issue of nearly 700,000 books and periodicals.

Persistent effort has been made to recover the missing books. The five issued for use in the rooms, it was found, were drawn on false names or addresses. The cases of registered cardholders, after other means had proved fruitless, were turned over to the City Attorney, with the following results: 41 cases were submitted to the City Attorney; 33 were settled (chiefly out of court) in favor of the Library; one was decided against the Library; and seven are still pending.

PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENT.

Since the ultimate object of all library activity is to put books into the hands of readers, an increase of 150,000 in the issue is the chief note of the year's progress.

The substitution of the Welsbach light for electric lamps in the read-

ing-room has thus far produced satisfactory results, furnishing a superior light at considerably less cost. The expense of the change, \$198, was paid for by the saving in light bills the first three months.

NEW CARD CATALOGUE.

As successive classes were finished, the new classified catalogue was substituted for the old. All the classes except 27 (public documents) and 52-58 (medical collection) having been completed, on May 26th the cabinets containing the author index (lacking the sections mentioned above) were transferred to the delivery room, and the old stands with their soiled and worn cards were removed. With the exceptions noted, the public now has access to a complete author and subject catalogue of the collection on typewritten cards, arranged in small removable drawers, so that one person need monopolize but few cards. The classes not yet recatalogued are represented by the remaining sections of the old catalogue.

BUILDING SITE.

The most signal event of the year was the purchase of a building site. The need of a new building is now apparent, and in a few years will become pressing. The work of a great free library cannot be carried on to the satisfaction of the public in the sixth and seventh floors of a commercial building. Moreover, the preservation of treasures that cannot be replaced, requires a separate and isolated structure that cannot be endangered by fire in adjoining buildings.

THE LIBRARY STAFF.

No additions have been made to the staff as published in the last annual report. This, however, while covering the year ending April 30, 1895, did not appear (owing to delays at the City Hall), till the latter part of December. Therefore Miss Dawson was included in the published list, though she was appointed in November, the middle of the year covered by this report. The growing skill and efficiency of the assistants has enabled us to meet the demands of a largely increased circulation with no other additions to the staff.

April 1st Misses Chase and Gibson, assistant cataloguers, resigned under circumstances that offered a measure of compensation for the loss. With Miss McCreary they had taken a civil service examination for the position of cataloguer in the Public Document Bureau at Washington. There were eighty competitors from various parts of the Union, including a considerable number in Washington City. Only five made a satisfactory percentage; three of these five were Misses Gibson, Chase and McCreary. Only two cataloguers were immediately required; and the appointments went to Misses Gibson and Chase who stood at the head of the list. The vacancies thus created have been filled by the promotion of Miss Fichtenkam to the position of assistant cataloguer and the temporary employment of Miss Aikins until the completion of the new catalogue.

I take great pleasure in repeating my commendation of last year on the intelligence, zeal and courtesy shown by the members of the staff in the performance of their respective duties.

DEATH OF HON. STEPHEN D. BARLOW.

Last summer one of the earliest and best friends of the Library went to receive from a higher source the words of approval with which his fellow-citizens had long since crowned his earthly life. Full of years and honors, admired and loved by all who knew him, Stephen D. Barlow, the first President of the St. Louis Public School Library, passed from this world, Thursday, August 8, 1895.

A special meeting of the Board was called at once and the following memorial and resolutions were adopted:—

The Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, in recognition of generous public spirit and in gratitude to one of its founders, wishes to place on record a memorial of its admiration and respect for the Hon. Stephen D. Barlow, who departed this life on Thursday, August 8, 1895.

Mr. Barlow, while a member of the legislature in 1865, obtained the charter of the Public School Library Society, and upon its organization he became its first president. Being at the same time President of the Board of Public Schools, he was able, in that capacity, to do much to foster this supplementary department of the public school system. For many years afterwards, he gave active service to the institution and up to the time of his death he evinced the liveliest satisfaction in its success and the greatest pleasure in the good it accomplished and the happiness it brought to an increasing number of his fellow-citizens.

Resolved: That this brief minute of his distinguished services to the cause of popular education in St. Louis be entered on the records of the Library and that a copy be sent to his family.

APPENDIXES.

In the list of appendixes I submit:—

I. A list of the records kept in the various departments of the Library. This supplements the account of processes given in my last report; and the two together furnish a complete exposition of the administrative methods of the Library.

II. Three lists of the books that scored the largest issue from June 1, 1895 to April 30, 1896; (a) novels, (b) juveniles, (c) miscellaneous.

III. A complete list of donations, including newspapers and periodicals.

PRESIDENT GILMAN ON THE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

The Public Library needs no defense or justification in St. Louis. Our citizens adopted it by a decided vote, and they have given it the most practical approval. It is, however, always gratifying to find reasons for the faith that is in us well set forth by a man of the highest intelligence and character. In his *Socialism and the American Spirit*, President Gilman, of Johns Hopkins University, writes as follows:—

“The free public library system, like every other human institution, is imperfect, but it is under the control in the United States of a body of librarians and friends of public education who are making it a val-

uable adjunct to the free school system. A very large proportion of the pupils in our public schools leave them early to engage in active life, and the American believes that the public library does well to furnish this class of persons, if no others, with the means of progress in knowledge. The public library is, in a sense, the people's university. Wherever this institution is found in a New England town, it is correctly considered by the traveler a sure sign of a higher level of general intelligence, public spirit and peace and order than prevails in most towns destitute of such a feature.

"In coping with the illiteracy and ignorance of the foreign element, in enlightening the great mass of voters as to the history and logic of the institutions under which they live, and in forming a sound and vigorous public opinion on subjects of current or enduring interest, the free library has a great part to play in the United States.

"Here in America the public library system has the unanimous indorsement of educators and the professional classes. Only a few years' experience in a town where a public library has been established would be needed to convince the thoroughgoing individualist that its advantages far outweigh its disadvantages. It is surely an important factor in promoting the public welfare of a curious and civilized people, eager for knowledge and anxious to apply all their knowledge to the improvement of their circumstances. The free public library system has passed beyond the stage of argument in the state of the Pilgrims and the Puritans; it is deeply rooted in the social system of Massachusetts; and its good effects in promoting public intelligence, order and progress are indisputable. But whether the free public library is entirely the gift of an individual citizen or the joint result of private generosity and a municipal grant, or altogether the creation of the town or city, it is a perfectly valid institution; its logic is sound and its good results are amply and undeniably apparent. In the gradual extension of the free public library system from the larger cities into the smaller towns will, in fact, be found one of the surest guarantees of the perpetuity of the American Republic."

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

June 6, 1896.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius personally known to me, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1896, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

EDW. L. PRETORIUS,

Chairman Auditing Committee,

Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of June, 1896.
(Seal.)

ALFRED C. F. MEYER,

Notary Public.

My term expires January 15, 1899.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report to the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 8th day of June, 1896.
(Seal.)

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis.

My term expires March 14, 1897.

APPENDIX NO. 1.

CLASSIFIED LIST OF LIBRARY RECORDS.

This list supplements the account of processes given in the last annual report; and the two together offer an explanation in outline of the administrative methods of the Library.

ACCESSION AND ORDER DEPARTMENT.

RECOMMENDATION CARDS.—Cards of same size as catalogue cards, containing author, title, place, date, publisher, price, name and residence of person recommending; any further information about the book on the back.

When a reader wishes to recommend a book for purchase, one of these cards is handed to him to fill out. These cards with others on which have been pasted (or written) extracts from book reviews and entries from the *Publishers' Weekly*, take the course explained in my last report.

ORDER LIST.—Composed of the cards mentioned above with the addition of cards for books replaced, continuations, orders from second-hand catalogues, auction bids, etc.,—in short, every outstanding book order. Each card is stamped with name of the bookseller or agent and the date of the order. When a book is reordered from the same or another bookseller, that fact also is noted.

ORDER BLANK.—List of books made for the dealer or agent, to whom it is sent after being duplicated in the order book. Arranged alphabetically by author. Gives author and title (place, date and publisher when known).

ORDER BOOK.—Contains letter-press copy of all orders sent out and of letters relating to orders. Indexed by dealer.

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.—Record kept on cards arranged by name of donor, containing name and address of donor, date of gift, name of book or books (unless too numerous), number of volumes and pamphlets, check mark to show that gift was acknowledged.

PUBLIC DOCUMENT BOOK.—List of state and city documents, reports of institutions, societies, etc., with dates of publication, used as explained in last report.

WITHDRAWN BOOK.—A record of all the books worn out or for any reason discarded. Arranged under date alphabetically by author. Gives accession number, author, title, volume number, class, check mark to show that shelf list card has been stamped and another to show whether it is the last copy on the shelves or not. Checked by Librarian and Assistant Librarian to show desirability of replacement and marked "Replaced" when ordered by the Book Committee. Contains also date of report to Committee and of reordering, number of volumes withdrawn, and number "Replaced." Numbered beginning with each year, the last number at any time showing the number withdrawn up to date.

LOST AND PAID FOR BOOK.—Duplicates above items for *books lost and paid for*.

BOOKS SOLD.—Duplicates "withdrawn book" items for books sold except in regard to replacement.

These records are laid before the Book Committee at each meeting ; and the first orders given are always for books whose popularity has been shown by their being worn out.

THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A NEW BOOK FOR CIRCULATION was explained in my last report. The various steps are summarized as follows:—

1. Take card out of order list and place in book.
2. Enter source, publisher's price and discount in book.
3. Check off bill.
4. Classify.
5. Accession.
6. Shelf-list.
7. Catalogue.
8. Write book card and pocket, (book-plate only in the case of reference books).
9. Stamp to show Library ownership.
10. Paste in pocket and date slip, or book plates.
11. Sent to proper department.
12. Shelve.

PERIODICAL ACCESSION BOOK.— Contains list of unbound periodicals. Gives date of accession, accession number, name of periodical, month of issue, and final disposal (whether sold or bound and placed on the regular shelves).

CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT.

ACCESSION (OR ENTRY) LEDGER.— Large folios (the one now in use being No. 13, of the series), which contain a complete history of the collection from the beginning. Before being catalogued every volume is entered in this record. On every page of the ledger are 50 lines numbered consecutively from the first line of the first ledger. The number opposite each entry shows the order of acquisition of the book ; and the number of the last entry shows the total number of volumes entered since the organization of the library. The following items regarding each volume are noted: —

1. Date of entry.
2. Accession number.
3. Author.
4. Title.
5. Volume number.
6. Place of publication.
7. Publisher.
8. Date.
9. Size.
10. Class.
11. Additions classified (philosophy, religion, *etc.*).
12. Source classified (purchase, gift, *etc.*).
13. From whom obtained.
14. Publisher's price.
15. Remarks.

In the column headed remarks mention is made of any special feature ; and if a volume is worn out, or sold, or lost and paid for, or for any other reason permanently removed from the shelves, the fact is noted opposite its record, so that the entry ledger shows the actual state of the collection at the present time.

OFFICIAL CARD CATALOGUE.—A manuscript catalogue on cards combining entries under authors, titles of novels and juveniles and other striking titles. Items:—

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| 1. Author's name (in full if obtainable without too great a loss of time). | 6. Date. |
| 2. Title. | 7. Number of volumes. |
| 3. Edition. | 8. Size. |
| 4. Portrait. | 9. Series. |
| 5. Place of publication. | 10. Class number (in upper right hand corner). |

SHELF LIST.—Card list of the books as they stand on the shelves, giving author, title, class and accession number of each volume. Used in taking the inventory, each card being stamped with date of inventory as book is found on shelves. Serves also as an index to the accession book and as a classed catalogue.

PUBLIC CARD CATALOGUE.

1. Author catalogue.

Combines entries under authors and striking titles of books not novels. Duplicates items in official catalogue.

2. Classed catalogue.

Duplicates author entries, but is arranged in classed order and alphabetically under each class. Added entries are made for books which do not properly stand in a given class, but which are so nearly allied in subject as to make a reference useful.

3. German catalogue.

An author catalogue of all German books in Library. Duplicates items in the other catalogues.

4. Fiction lists.

Novels in English, French, German, and other languages respectively arranged by title.

5. Juvenile catalogue.

Dictionary catalogue of books for the young, containing author, title and subject, arranged in one alphabetical list.

BOOK CARDS.—Contain accession number, author, title, volume number and class. Kept in the book pocket when book is in Library. When book is "out" the card stands in a tray with an alphabetic-numerical arrangement of issues and serves as a record of books "out."

BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND REFERENCE LISTS.—Published in Monthly Bulletin or typewritten, and hung up on bulletin board including thus far the following subjects:—

Printed.

Oliver Wendell Holmes.
Ralph Waldo Emerson.
Selection of good novels (3 lists).
Selection of leading books of 1894.
Cuba.
Turkey.
Italy in the 19th century.
Henry VIII.
Agamemnon.
Lear.

Typewritten.

Botany for children.
Armenian question.
French fiction.
South Africa.
Venezuela and the Monroe doctrine.
100 works of fiction worth reading.
Russia.
Arthurian legend.
Don Quixote.
Olympian games.
Arbor day.
Memorial day.

MONTHLY BULLETIN.—Published monthly containing: (a) Fiction list combining authors and titles; (b) List of new books added each month; (c) Lists of books on current topics.

PAMPHLET INDEX.—Arranged in two lists for convenience, viz., single pamphlets and continuations (reports, etc.).

PORTRAIT INDEX (In progress).—Card list arranged under subject. Each card may contain entries of from one to six books in which portrait of the subject is found.

INDEX TO RECITATIONS.—When finished this will be a complete index to all the recitations in the library.

It is arranged: 1, by titles; 2, by authors; 3, by subjects.

Though from its nature included in the catalogue department, all the work on it thus far has been done at odd times by assistants in the issue department.

BINDING AND REPAIR DEPARTMENT.*

BINDER'S BLANKS.—List of books sent to the binder. Contains binder's number, accession number, author, title, volume number, class, style of binding and remarks (as to color of leather, samples, etc.). Last number shows number of volumes sent up to date from beginning of current year.

BINDER'S BOOK.—Letter-press copies of binder's blanks.

BINDER'S LIST.—The "Book-cards" (See last report) of all circulating books withdrawn for rebinding arranged alphabetically by author.

REPAIR LIST.—Book cards of books being repaired in the Library, arranged by dates and under each date by author.

REPAIR RECORD.—Showing the number of volumes having (a) Leaves patched; (b) Leaves replaced; (c) Backs patched; (d) Books re-sewed; (e) Backs lettered; (f) New backs; (g) Backs replaced; (h) New covers.

CORRESPONDENCE AND MAILING DEPARTMENT.

LETTER BOOK.—Contains letter-press copies of all letters, communications, etc., sent by the Library.

LETTER FILE.—In which all letters and other communications received by the Library are filed under name of sender.

MAILING LIST.—Names and addresses of persons to whom annual reports and other printed matter is sent. Arranged in four divisions, "inside" the city, "outside" libraries, and foreign. Alphabetized under name.

PUBLIC DOCUMENT LIST.—Described under accession department.

BOARD AND COMMITTEE RECORDS, REPORTS, ETC.

PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD AND STANDING COMMITTEES.—(a) Four blank books in which the Librarian, as secretary, records the proceedings of the Board of Directors and three standing Committees; Administration, Book and Executive.

(b) Archives filed in order in case in fire-proof vault.

REPORT TO BOOK COMMITTEE.—Presented by Librarian at each meeting of the Committee, consisting of

(1) Financial statement.

Showing the amount expended for books, periodicals and binding, bills paid, bills rendered and outstanding orders.

* The process of preparing books for first binding, rebinding and making them ready for the shelves was explained in the last report.

(2) Reports on the following items: —

(a) Number of volumes withdrawn, sold, and lost and paid for, and number recommended for replacement.

(b) Number of volumes sent to the bindery.

(c) Number of volumes repaired in the library.

(d) Number of volumes and pamphlets received as exchanges and donations.

(e) Periodicals to be renewed, dropped or added.

(f) Books recommended for purchase by readers and by the Librarian.

LIBRARIAN'S MONTHLY REPORT (to THE BOARD).—(1) Detailed statement of receipts and expenditures.

(2) Report from the catalogue department, showing the number of volumes catalogued and placed on the shelves, classified: (a) according to the character of the books (Philosophy, Theology, Art, History, *etc.*); (b) according to source (purchase, gift, binding of pamphlets and binding of periodicals); (c) according to language.

(3) Report from the registration department, showing: 1st, the number of men, women and children registered to date; 2d, the number of reader's cards issued; 3d, the number of cards surrendered, number canceled by death or removal and held for fines; 4th, number of addresses changed.

(4) Report from Issue Department, showing: —

(a) Number of volumes issued for home use from regular collection, and collection of duplicates, and number issued through delivery stations.

(b) Number of books issued for use in the library.

(c) Number of periodicals given out from the reading-room desk.

(d) Number of notices of books overdue.

(e) Number of other notices to delinquents.

(f) Number of reserve postals sent.

(g) Number of persons carried up in elevators.

MONTHLY REPORT OF THE BOOK COMMITTEE, showing

(1) Number of volumes purchased.

(2) Number of volumes and pamphlets received as exchanges and donations.

(3) Number of volumes bound.

(4) Number of volumes repaired.

(5) Number of volumes worn out and withdrawn and lost and paid for and number replaced.

(6) Number of periodicals added.

MONTHLY REPORTS OF OTHER STANDING COMMITTEES.—Covering numerous subjects, such as Finance and Appropriations; Furniture and Repairs; Resignations, Appointments, Promotions and Salaries; Insurance; Delivery Stations, *etc.*, *etc.*

ANNUAL REPORTS.—(1) Schedule of estimated receipts and appropriations recommended, presented by the Executive Committee at the January meeting. (2) Report of the Board to the Mayor giving full details of the administration of the Library for the year ending April 30th.

BOOKKEEPING DEPARTMENT.

(a) **AUTOGRAPHIC REGISTER.**—All cash transactions are recorded on an autographic register. This register contains three paper rolls which

pass over a writing table. On one of these, a ruled and consecutively numbered slip, the original entry is made. By means of transferring ink pads, entries are made on the other two rolls. The original (payor's receipt) and the duplicates are thrown from the machine by the turn of a crank, the triplicate is rewound upon a spool inside the machine at the same time and cannot be tampered with, lost or mislaid. It always contains a fac-simile of every record made on the other two strips.

(b) **DAY BOOK.**—In this are recorded all cash receipts taken in during the day. Made up from the triplicate record in autographic register under the following heads:—

- C. D. { Cards sold.
Magazines sold.
Books sold, lost and paid for.
Fines.
Books sold, lost and paid for.
Catalogues and bulletins.
Lost cards.
Reserve postals.

(c) **CASH BOOK.**— Itemized receipts and expenditures for the month.

(d) **CONTINGENT FUND.**— A separate account of the payment of small bills. Appropriation made by the Board each month.

(e) **BANK FUND BOOK.**— Desk receipts, etc., deposited with a local Trust Co.

(f) **BILLS PAYABLE.** — Record of dates on which notes are due.

(g) **MEDICAL FUND.** — Account of receipts and expenditures and of separate fund for the purchase of medical books, given by several local medical societies.

(h) **INSURANCE BOOK.** — List of insurance policies with name of company, amount, premium, agent and date of expiration.

(i) **APPROPRIATION BOOK.** — Showing amount appropriated to each fund and the amount expended up to date.

(j) **ITEMIZED MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT.** — Cumulative.

Showing the receipts and the expenditures for each purpose for the separate months and the total of receipts and expenditures to date, also the unexpended balance.

(k) **MONTHLY STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.** — Summarized.

These two statements are submitted to the Board as a part of the Librarian's monthly report, a copy being prepared for each Director.

SUPPLY DEPARTMENT.

STOCK AND FORM BOOKS. — (a) An indexed list of all the printing and stationery, blanks, etc., used by the Library. It gives: —

1. Date of purchase.
2. Amount and quality.
3. Price.
4. From whom purchased.

(b) An indexed list of all supplies purchased for the Library. Same as foregoing.

REGISTRATION DEPARTMENT.

BORROWER'S CARD INDEX.—*(a) Application cards arranged alphabetically. Cards contain applicant's name, residence and business address, date of expiration, also guarantor's name and address. Cards, with the exception of guarantor's name and address, date of expiration and number filled out by applicant.

(b) List of borrowers arranged numerically. Cards contain the same information as the Application card, but is filled out by registration clerk.

GUARANTOR'S CARD INDEX.—Alphabetical list of persons acting as sureties for card-holders. Cards contain guarantor's name and address, guarantee, date of expiration and reader's number. Except date of expiration and reader's number filled out by guarantor.

DELINQUENT LIST.—List of cards held for fines, *etc.* Card list of all delinquents arranged alphabetically. This list always stands and bars persons whose names are recorded there from the privileges of the Library until all obligations are settled.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, containing

Total registration.	Addresses changed.
Cards surrendered.	Reader's cards renewed.
Guarantors withdrawn.	Duplicate cards issued, cumulative.
Cardholders left town.	
Cardholders that have died.	

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

DAILY CIRCULATION RECORD.—(a) Classified list of all books issued for home use. Consists of "book-cards" of all circulating books in the hands of readers. Arranged alphabetically in trays under date book is due. Fiction and juveniles are arranged separately.

(b) Classified report of circulation made out at close of the day for Circulation and Reference Departments.

(c) A daily record of books issued for home, library and reference use and through delivery stations, with daily, weekly, monthly and yearly totals. Made up each morning from Issue report of day before.

LIST OF DELINQUENTS.—(a) Record of first and second delinquent notices.

(b) Record showing books overdue for which messenger has been sent, books recovered, guarantors notified, cases transmitted to the City Attorney, *etc.*, arranged by dates.

MISCELLANEOUS NOTICES.—1. Record of cardholders reported by Board of Health for contagious diseases. From it, 1st, cardholder is notified not to return any books he may have until properly fumigated, and also that none will be issued until disease has disappeared; 2d, memorandum is made on book card so that no fine will be charged until the book is reported all right by the Health Department.

2. Number of book cards rewritten.

3. Number of notices sent for new books added, books reserved, *etc.*

READING ROOM.

PERIODICAL CATALOGUE.—Card Index classed under the following heads: General periodicals, Medical periodicals, Newspapers, each

* Different colored card is used for minors. Same as adult application card except the addition of "school attended."

class subdivided into purchases and donations. Cards contain title, description (monthly, quarterly, *etc.*), date of order, source, number of copies received, price.

PERIODICAL CHECK LIST.—(a) Alphabetical list of periodicals, in which periodicals are checked off when received.

(b) Check-list of daily newspapers.

ISSUE RECORD.—A classified daily record of periodicals issued for reading room use, with weekly, monthly, and yearly totals. Made up each morning from "call slips" of previous day.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS.

INVENTORY.—A ledger in which is recorded the results of each stock-taking under the following heads: Number of volumes in each class; Total number of volumes in Main Collection, Collection of Duplicates and South Branch; Number of volumes discarded, sold, and lost and paid for, exchanged and donated, since last stock-taking; Number of volumes drawn by readers and not returned; Number of volumes unaccounted for; Number of volumes found that were unaccounted for at previous inventory; Number of errors corrected in shelf-list; Number of errors corrected in book cards and labels.

DAILY TIME REGISTER.—Records time that each employee goes on duty, morning, afternoon and evening.

ATTENDANCE RECORD.—Posted every quarter from the daily register. Shows the attendance (number of absences and tardinesses and time lost), of each employee from entrance upon the library service to close of last quarter.

ASSIGNMENT SCHEDULE.—Showing who is on duty at each post during every hour in the day, also the special assignments for evenings, Sundays and holidays. Gives also vacations and holidays.

SCRAP BOOK OF LIBRARY HISTORY.—In which are pasted newspaper notices concerning the Library and handbills, circulars, *etc.*, issued by the Library, making an outline history of the institution.

APPENDIX NO. II.

LIST OF BOOKS ISSUED ONE HUNDRED TIMES OR MORE FROM JUNE 1, 1894, TO
APRIL 30, 1896.

The following lists were compiled, as explained in the body of the report, by counting the entries on book cards that had been filled. In each copy of the books listed there is another card with more or less entries on it, some, it may be, nearly full. If all these entries could have been counted, the figures in all cases would have been larger, and doubtless many other books would have been included. The list of miscellaneous books would certainly have been enlarged. It is not likely, however, that numerous or material changes would have been made in the relative positions of the books.

The titles are grouped by hundreds, and arranged alphabetically by author in each hundred.

NOVELS.

		No. of Copies.	No. of Issues.			No. of Copies.	No. of Issues.
		900 & over.				Over 500.	
Dumas.....	Count of Monte Cristo.....	84	1886	Bulwer.	Last days of Pom- pell	82	545
	Three musketeers.	33	944	Collins	Moonstone	25	518
Hugo	Les misérables. ...	70	1216	Crawford	Dr. Claudius	19	569
Thackeray	Vanity Fair.....	60	1408		Don Orsino.....	18	518
Wallace.....	Ben Hur.....	56	1394		Mr. Isaacs.....	21	555
					Roman singer.....	23	565
					Saracinesca	31	531
					White company... ..	20	576
					Vicomte de Brag- elonne	20	535
Blackmore....	Lorna Doone.....	86	656	Elliot	Adam Bede.....	32	578
Crawford.....	Katharine Lauder- dale	22	629	Holmes	Dora Deane	27	549
	Ralstons.....	17	644		Edna Browning... ..	24	515
DuMaurier....	Trilby.....	78	863		English orphans.. ..	25	575
Elliot	Mill on the Floss..	80	693		Ethelyn's mistake	22	519
	Romola.....	27	674		Queenie Hetherton	26	518
Fothergill....	First violin	40	742		Rose Mather	24	506
Hawthorne ...	Marble faun.....	16	656	Holmes, O. W.	Elsie Venner.....	21	586
	Scarlet letter.....	40	885	Jackson.....	Ramona	20	524
Holmes	Bessie's fortune... ..	33	742	King	Marian's faith....	25	581
	Cameron pride....	32	645	Marlitt	Owl's nest	19	532
	Cousin Maude. ...	29	608		Second wife	21	527
	Daisy Thornton... ..	27	674	Mulock	John Halifax.....	16	512
	Darkness and day- light	37	767	Roe	Day of fate.....	16	509
	Gretchen	34	741		He fell in love with his wife....	17	574
	Madeline.....	28	649		Opening a chest- nut burr.....	28	510
	Marguerite.....	29	676	Scott	Ivanhoe	43	587
	Mildred.....	28	774	Wallace.....	Fair god.....	22	510
King.....	Colonel's daugh- ter	29	831	Weyman	Gentleman of France.....	19	578
Marlitt.....	Gold Elsie	25	618	Wilson.....	Inez	22	583
	Old man'selle's se- cret.....	23	663				
Roe	Barriers burned away.....	34	722				
	From jest to earn- est.....	26	648	Barr.....	Bow of orange ribbon.....	21	423
	Without a home.. ..	22	615	Burnham.....	Next door.....	20	431
	Young girl's woo- ing.. ..	20	638		No gentleman.....	19	429
Wallace	Prince of India... ..	22	856	Calne.....	Manxman.....	5	485
Wilson.....	At the mercy of Tiberius.....	32	646	Cooper.....	Last of the Mohi- cans.....	16	425
	Benlah	34	752	Dickens.....	Oliver Twist.	26	413
	Infelice.....	16	643	Doyle.....	A dventures of Sherlock Holmes	18	442
	Macaria	33	742		Memoirs of Sher- lock Holmes.....	20	422
	St. Elmo.	12	778		Refugees.....	21	490
	Vashti.....	31	648				

		No. of Copies.	No. of Issues.			No. of Copies.	No. of Issues.
		Over 400.				Over 300.	
Grand.	Heavenly twins.	11	497	Stevenson	Dr. Jekyll and Mr.		
Holmes.	Chateau d'Or.	22	452		Hyde	5	342
	Edith Lyle.	22	447	Stockton	Rudder Grange	9	339
	Forest House.	24	452	Warner	Golden house.	12	347
	Homestead on the			Woolson	Anne	14	329
	hillside.	23	482			Over 200.	
	Hugh Worthington	23	437	Alexander	Woofing o't	14	280
	Meadow Brook.	22	458	Balestier	Benefits forgot	2	210
	Tempest and sun-			Barrie	Little minister	16	229
	shine.	19	482	Bellamy	Looking backward.	11	202
King.	Deserter.	19	418	Bronte	Villette	10	298
Marlitt	Countess Gisela.	16	432	Bulwer	Alice	24	216
	Lady with the ru-				Ernest Maltravers.	16	263
	bies.	18	487		Last of the barons	24	264
	Little moorland				Rienzi	25	206
	princess	20	465		Zanoni	13	230
Roe.	Earth trembled.	20	403	Burnett	Fair barbarian	4	228
	Original belle.	21	478		Louisiana	16	232
	What can she do	16	445	Burnham	Mistress of Beech		
Scott	Kenilworth	19	472		Knoll	12	266
Stowe.	Uncle Tom's cabin	51	473		Sane lunatic	10	232
Sue	Wandering Jew	85	436		Young maids and		
Ward	Marcella	10	420		old	8	263
Warner.	Wide wide world	13	442	Carey	Aunt Diana	11	202
Yonge.	Heir of Redcliffe.	24	472		Barbara Heath-		
		Over 300.			cote's trial	9	204
Auerbach.	On the heights	22	319		Only the governess	13	209
Besant	All sorts and con-			Cervantes	Don Quixote	24	271
	ditions of men	13	312	Clemens	Gilded age	8	201
Bronte	Jane Eyre	26	381	Collins	Armada	14	265
	Shirley	15	394		Dead secret	10	235
Bulwer.	Strange story.	18	355		Man and wife	15	204
Burnham	Miss Bagg's secre-				New Magdalen	11	287
	tary	15	301	Cooper	Pathfinder	13	207
Caine.	Deemster	11	363		Pilot	14	203
Carey	Not like other			Corelli	Barabbas	5	271
	girls	13	368		Romance of two		
	Queenie's whim	11	360		worlds	9	216
Clemens.	Conn. Yankee	18	367	Crawford	Greifenstein	8	203
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A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ST. LOUIS
PUBLIC (FREE) LIBRARY.

To Hon. Henry Ziegenhein, Mayor of St. Louis:

DEAR SIR — The end of another year's service in this department of the city makes it incumbent upon the Board of Directors of the Public Library to present its annual report.

With this, and as a portion of this report, we attach the annual report to this Board of our very efficient Librarian. In addition to the usual statistics and other facts showing the rapid growth and also showing conclusively the important part the Library is playing in the progress and culture of the city, may be found the financial statement sworn to by the proper officials as required by law. A careful comparison of this financial statement with that of any other public library similarly situated will not be unfavorable, especially when are considered the large rental and elevator expenses, which still absorb so considerable a percentage of our current income. We do not call attention to this financial record in any spirit of boasting, but to show that our resources are in such a condition that nothing but the most rigid economy, such as has been practiced, will enable the Board to perform its necessary work and complete payments on the site selected for a future home for the Library, as set forth in the last annual report.

Early in 1896 the School Board notified the Library Board that it must have room in the Blow School Building, which had been occupied by the Carondelet Branch library established by the Library when under the management of the Life Members and the School Board. Efforts were made in connection with public-spirited citizens of South St. Louis to continue this branch on a scale of expenses which could be justified by

the Board, but in vain. The branch was discontinued, and delivery stations substituted, much to the disappointment of the patrons of this branch, who had so long been accustomed to this great convenience.

This form of library extension is very efficient, and affords a method of increasing the usefulness of the main library many fold. Your Board hopes that some day the income at its disposal will enable it to establish branch libraries in eligible districts all over the city. A resolution has been adopted, and is on record, offering to furnish books and periodicals to any community in the city that will secure at its own expense a suitable room and custodian. For the present, however, the free delivery stations must be our only relief from the congestion of our main delivery department.

These delivery stations now number thirty, and the Librarian's statistics will show the great increase in their use and how much they are appreciated.

The importance of securing in some way a fund for the erection of a suitable library building, which would not only be a permanent home but also an edifice thoroughly equipped for its work and in every way creditable to a city of this magnitude, was fully set forth in the last annual report of the Board. How it was to be accomplished, was the problem that must be solved. As no citizen of wealth had been moved to seize this opportunity and attach his name to an everlasting monument of his devotion to his city and her future greatness, the only alternative was for the citizens to obligate themselves to pay for this much-needed building.

To do this it was necessary to obtain authority from the State legislature. A statute was prepared authorizing cities of a certain size to levy an additional tax for a period of five years for library building purposes only. The Library Law of 1885 permitted cities to tax themselves only for a permanent maintenance fund. The statute is similar in some respects to the Illinois law, and was prepared by the legal member of the Board, Mr. Arthur Lee, to whose professional services, always freely given, we are indebted for this and much other legal advice. The bill passed the Senate March 2nd and the House March 15th. In accordance with an emergency clause attached it received promptly the signature of the Governor, and became a law March 17th.

We wish here to publicly acknowledge the assistance rendered by our own Senators and Representatives and others from different parts of the State in securing the passage of this very important law. The provisions of the act required the question to be submitted to the legal voters at some regular election. The first opportunity that presented itself for such submission was at the election of April 6th last. The time was all too short to conduct a campaign of education necessary to

fully inform the voting public of the great importance of this measure to the city; but the Board decided to make the attempt, and the necessary petition was filed, which resulted in the question being submitted on the official ballot.

We take much pleasure in testifying to hearty and cordial support which the proposed slight increase in taxation received from every newspaper, without a single exception, in the city, all uniting in earnest advocacy of the measure.

The vote while gratifying in that a large majority voted in favor of the very small increase of the taxes for this purpose, yet lacked some 6,000 of the necessary two-thirds majority to make it effective. Had the seventeen thousand voters who failed to express themselves at that time realized the importance of carrying the measure at this election the result might have been different. As it is the next chance for its adoption will not be until the fall of '98. So the relief much sought for by the Board is indefinitely postponed, but the way is provided. It is hoped that before another regular election, the voting public may become so well informed in regard to the great needs of the Library that the measure, when again submitted, will be passed with ease and a beginning can be promptly made upon a convenient, commodious, permanent home for this large library.

A library, in the fourth city of this Republic, which is occupying rented quarters in the sixth and seventh floors of a mercantile building, far from being fire-proof, is hardly in keeping with the progress of the age. It is not necessary at this time to enter into any argument in favor of the free library. Its value is conceded everywhere, and its influence for good is increasing rapidly. The library, co-operating with the school and home, becomes the powerful ally of teacher and parent: Co-operating with factory or office it serves both employer and employee. Fortunate is the city that has for its librarian a man who is a moving spirit, and still more fortunate the community who, like St. Louis, has a librarian who stands in the fore front of his profession, and who, by his selection of books and advice given to readers, ever sets before the people food that will make them rational and moral. We are pleased to record that another city appreciating to the fullest extent the qualifications of our librarian made a most strenuous but unsuccessful effort to induce him to give up his work here and go to it. The inducements offered pecuniarily and otherwise were most tempting; but Mr. Crunden was constrained to remain and assist in the accomplishment of his heart's desire in his native city.

In conclusion, we would submit to your Honor the responsibility resting with you in making appointments to this Board. As the duties are arduous, without salary or any emoluments other than a consciousness

of duty faithfully done, selections should be made from such citizens as are well known, who possess a reputation for integrity and uprightness fully established in the community, and who can be induced to take this responsibility inspired solely by civic pride, and an earnest desire to conscientiously discharge their duty in extending the greatest good to the greatest number by a wise administration of this most potent agency.

Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR L. WHITELOW,
President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to submit herewith my annual report for the year ending April 30, 1897, the second complete year of the operation of the institution as a Free Library.

During this year the total registration increased from 38,421 to 51,476, and the number of cards in use from 31,486 to 41,861. The issue of books for home reading grew from 472,718 volumes to 551,059, and the total issue in all departments from 688,492 to 787,028. More than 8,000 volumes were added to the collection, which at the end of the year contained about 115,000 volumes. Before this report appears in print it will number over 120,000 volumes.

FINANCES.

The following statement shows the receipts and expenditures. The more important points are as follows:—

The revenue from the city tax of one-fifth of a mill was \$64,663.32.

The receipts from fines amounted to \$2,752.48, an increase of \$150 over the previous year; while the total desk receipts were \$3,741.81, an increase of not quite \$100 over the previous year.

During the year payments amounting to \$24,872.58 were made on the ground purchased the previous year, making \$65,931 thus far saved out of current revenues and paid towards securing a building site. Aside from this the total expenditure for the year was \$46,720.67, which is nearly \$3,000 less than the expenditure of the previous year, notwithstanding the fact explained below that this year's accounts include certain expenses properly belonging to the year before.

If the comparison with the previous year is carried into detail, there appears to be a surprising increase in three items of expense. In light there is an excess of \$300; in electric power, \$500; and in salaries of elevator conductors, \$800. This apparent increase is due to the fact that the bill for the final quarter of the previous year was presented too late for payment in that year, and therefore this year's accounts include the payment of bills for five quarters. The apparent diminution of the cost of heat on Sundays and holidays from \$496 to \$146 is accounted for by the fact that in the last report all the extra charges for Sundays and holidays, including fuel, salaries for elevator conductors and for engineers and firemen were grouped under the head of extra charges for Sundays and holidays. The two items of electric power and conductor's salaries are here placed under those headings, which accounts further for the increase in those items, as mentioned above.

The reduction of nearly \$250 in the expenditure for insurance is due to a brief period of rate-cutting which happened to cover the dates of expiration of a number of our policies.

Considering the expansion of the delivery station system, it is rather surprising that the increase of expense was only \$200.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 1897.

Dr.

To bal. in City Treas. Apr. 13, 1896.....	\$30,802 45	
Collections Apr. 13, 1896, to Apr. 12, 1897.....	64,663 32	
		<u>\$95,465 77</u>
Bal. in Bank Fund Apr. 1, 1896.....		5,400 05
Bal. in Contingent Fund Apr. 1, 1896.....		49 04
Coll. of Dup. Cards sold.....	\$650 02	
Mag. sold.....	34 30	\$684 32
Fines		2,752 48
Books sold, lost and paid for.....		162 10
Lost cards		99 65
Catalogues and bulletins.....		29 65
Postals.....		9 43
Old paper, etc.....		3 38
		<u>3,741 31</u>
Total desk receipts.		1,879 56
Rent.....		187 72
Interest.....		
		<u>\$106,723 45</u>

Cr.

By salaries.....		\$20,126 54
Books, Main Library.....	\$6,809 90	
Collection of Duplicates.....	420 35	
Binding	3,887 35	
Periodicals.....	905 48	
		<u>\$12,023 08</u>
Building.		
Notes. (Payments on building site)...	\$24,872 58	
Rent	5,000 01	
Light	1,586 79	
Elevator Salaries } (for 5 quarters)...	1,828 61	
Electric power. }	1,303 39	
Heat, Sundays and Holidays.....	146 97	
Water.....	138 52	
Furniture and Repairs.....	580 32	
Insurance	632 60	
		<u>36,089 79</u>
Expense.		
Election Expenses.....	\$506 75	
Delivery Stations.....	933 35	
Postage	201 95	
Printing and Stationery.....	928 39	
Sundries	550 60	
Supplies.....	232 80	
		<u>3,353 84</u>
Total expenditures (including payments made on real estate)		<u>\$71,953 25</u>
Bal. in Bank Fund April 1, 1897.		
Cert. of deposit.....	\$10,000 00	
Current deposit.....	490 47	10,490 47
Bal. in contingent fund April 12, 1897.....		101 80
Bal. in City Treasury April 12, 1897.....		24,537 93
		<u>\$106,723 45</u>

REGISTRATION.

The total registration to April 30, 1896 was 38,421, with 31,486 cards in use. During the past year the registration has increased to 51,476 and the cards in use to 41,361. Particulars are given in the following table:—

Names registered to April 30, 1896.....			38,421
Additions for the year ending April 30, 1897.			
Institutions.....	69		
Men.....	2,988		
Women.....	3,869		
Children.....	6,629	18,055	
Total			51,476
Total registration to April 30, 1897.			
Institutions.....	116		
Men.....	14,408		
Women.....	15,790		
Children.....	21,162	51,476	
Less guarantors withdrawn.....	341		
Less canceled.....	45		
Less dead.....	57		
Less left town.....	531		
Less held for fines.....	1,200		
Less not yet called for.....	7,941	10,115	
Total number of cards in use April 30, 1897.....			41,361

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The past year has marked about the same growth in the collection as the year before. The table given below shows more books purchased and fewer received as gifts. The total of additions is 8,229 volumes, and the net increase 7,323 volumes. Those who took the pains to read the explanation of the process of cataloguing and preparing a book for circulation which I gave in my report for '95, will understand that there is considerable work involved in cataloguing and placing on the shelves nearly 700 volumes a month. The following tables give full details regarding classes, sources and languages:—

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1897.

Classes.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	49	....	49
Theology.....	275	....	275
Social Science.....	1,053	....	1,053
Natural Science.....	793	....	793
Art and Poetry.....	267	....	267
Fiction.....	2,009	250	2,259
Juvenile Literature.....	2,364	....	2,364
Literary Miscellany.....	299	....	299
Travels and History.....	538	....	538
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals.....	332	....	332
	7,979	250	8,229

Source.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Purchase	6,440	249	6,689
Gift	1,082	1	1,083
Pamphlets, bound	84	....	84
Periodicals, bound	423	....	423
	<hr/> 7,979	<hr/> 250	<hr/> 8,229
Language.			
English	7,795	250	8,045
French	39	....	39
German	115	....	115
Spanish and Italian	30	....	30
	<hr/> 7,979	<hr/> 250	<hr/> 8,229

350 periodicals were added to complete sets.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Worn out and condemned	751
Destroyed in cyclone	19
Lost and paid for	81
Sold	2
Charged to card-holders	51
Drawn for use in Reading-room	2
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Total	906
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Total additions	8,229
Less above	906
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Net increase	7,323

Of the 751 volumes worn out, 147 were damaged in the cyclone; 305 of the whole number withdrawn were replaced by new copies; and of the 81 lost and paid for 60 were replaced.

While the Library has endeavored to supply the wants of the many, the requirements of students have also received attention. Among the additions of the year are hundreds of works of great and permanent value, costing from four or five dollars up to twenty dollars each. A few titles are given below. Such purchases necessarily raise the average cost of the additions per volume, which this year was \$1.08.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONS.

ANDERSON, W. C. Dictionary of law. Q.
BAIRD, H. M. Huguenots. 2 v.
BERLIOZ, H. Treatise on modern instrumentation.
BLOXAM, M. H. Principles of Gothic ecclesiastical architecture. 3 v.
BLYTH, A. W. Poisons, their effects and detection.
BOEDECKER, C. F. W. Anatomy and pathology of the teeth. Q.
BOURGEOIS, E. Century of Louis XIV. F.
BOWIE, A. J. Practical treatise on hydraulic mining in California. Q.
BRUNOR, M. Practical electroplater.
BYRNE, A. T. Treatise on highway construction.
COLYER, F. Hydraulic, steam and hand power. Q.
CROCKFORD's clerical directory. 1896.
DEPEW, C. M., ed. One hundred years of American commerce. 2 v. Q.

- EGYPT Exploration Fund. Publications. F.
- FARMER, S. History of Detroit and Michigan. 2 v. Q.
- FLETCHER, B., and B. F. A hist. of architecture.
- GOWER, *Lord*. Dispatches.
- GROVES, C. E., and Thorp, W., eds. Chemical technology. 2 v.
- HANSARD. Parliamentary debates. 66 v.
- HAZLITT, W. C. History of the Venetian republic. 4 v.
- HISTORY of banking in all the leading nations. 4 v. Q.
- HOUSTON, E. J. Dictionary of electrical words, terms and phrases. Q.
- JESUIT relations; ed. by R. G. Thwaites. v. 1-5.
- JONES, L. A. Forms in conveyancing. Q.
- LANG, A. Life and letters of Lockhart. 2 v.
- LEA, H. C. History of auricular confession. 3 v.
- MUTHER, R. History of modern painting. 8 v. F.
- NANSEN, F. Farthest north. 2 v.
- NATIONAL cyclopaedia of American biography. v. 6. Q.
- PARSHALL, H. F., and Hobart, H. M. Armature windings of electric machines. Q.
- PASTOR, L. History of the popes. 4 v.
- PURCELL, E. S. Life of Cardinal Manning. 2 v.
- RASHDALL, H. Universities of Europe in the middle ages. 3 v.
- ROBERTS, F. S. Forty-one years in India. 2 v.
- RODENBOUGH, T. F., and Haskin. Army of the U. S.
- SPRAGUE, I., and others. Flowers and ferns of America. 2 v. Q.
- STURGIS, R. European architecture.
- TAYLOR, H. O. Ancient ideals. 2 v.
- THURSTON, R. H. Manual of the steam engine. Pt. 2.
- VAN RENSSELAER, Mrs. S. English cathedrals. Q.
- VLADIMIR. China-Japan war.
- WARNER, C. D., and others, eds. Library of the world's best literature. v. 1-8. Q.
- WEGMAN, E. Water supply of the city of New York. 1658-1895. F.
- WELCH, C. Modern history of the city of London. F.
- WHEATON, H. History of the law of nations.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

Of the 8,229 volumes catalogued and placed on the shelves during the year, 1,033 were donations or exchanges. Some of these were received the previous year and acknowledged in my last report. The donations and exchanges of the past year amount to 1,163 volumes and 3,069 pamphlets, a complete list of which will be found in an appendix.

Among our most valued exchanges are the State Libraries of New York, Pennsylvania and Vermont. The Superintendent of Documents has taken pains to supply us with such United States documents as were under his control. Hon. Carroll D. Wright has sent to the library all the documents issued by his bureau, which are among the most valuable of government publications; and Hon. Seth W. Cobb, representative from the twelfth Missouri district, has always responded promptly and cheerfully to requests for U. S. documents. Among friends at home whose gifts call for special mention are Miss Leonora B. Halstead, Mrs. H. T. Wilcox, M. D., the Post-Dispatch, and Dr. D. R. McAnally, who, in pursuance of his plan to develop the collection given to the Library by his father, is a constant contributor.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

Taking the inventory of 1895 as a basis and adding the books entered in each class since that date, we obtain the following table showing the

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, APRIL 30, 1897.

Classes.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	1,273	1	1,274
Theology.....	5,046	....	5,046
Social Science.....	16,635	1	16,636
Natural Science.....	15,198	5	15,203
Art and Poetry.....	6,460	11	6,471
Fiction.....	22,580	1,272	23,852
Juvenile Literature.....	11,606	13	11,619
Literary Miscellany.....	6,514	9	6,523
Travels and History.....	14,386	15	14,401
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals.....	9,950	2	9,952
Total.....	109,648	1,329	110,977

SUMMARY.

Total of entered books, April 30, 1897.....	110,977
Less { Books worn out, lost and paid for, etc. } Since June 1,993	
{ Entered duplicates, donated and exchanged. } 21, 1895. 518	2,511
Total of entered books May, 1897.....	108,466
Books not yet catalogued (about).....	3,000
Unentered duplicates (about).....	2,000
Volumes of unbound magazines (about).....	1,000
Total contents of Library, May 1, 1897.....	114,466

BINDING.

The records in this department make a favorable comparison with those of the previous year. There were 905 volumes (periodicals, pamphlets and books received in paper covers) bound for the first time at a cost of \$589.05, an average of 63²/₁₀ cents. In volumes rebound by contract there was a reduction in number from 11,385 to 6,208 and in cost from 45³/₁₀ cents to 41¹/₂ cents. The reduction in cost per volume is owing chiefly to the substitution of cloth for leather. It has been found that leather, while costing more, does not, for some classes of books, last as long as good linen or other textile fabrics. The decrease in the number of books rebound by contract is owing partly to the fact that the work of the previous year had put the collection into better condition and partly to the greater number repaired in the Library, — 13,777, costing (for material and salaries) \$712.64 or 5¹/₁₀ cents per volume, as against 11,381 the previous year. The repairs range from the patching or fastening of a few leaves to the complete rebinding of a book. The rebinding is done in duck or cloth and is limited to books that are subject to but little wear and tear. The monthly reports on this work are summarized as follows:—

Leaves patched, 4141 volumes; leaves replaced, 2849 volumes; backs replaced, 2412 volumes; backs patched, 2328 volumes; new backs, 506 volumes; backs lettered, 681 volumes; books sewed, 255 volumes; new covers, 505 volumes.

CIRCULATION.

The statistics for the year show an increase of 78,841 volumes, or more than 16%, in the home issue, of 5,158, or 11%, in the use of books for reference and 14,587, or 8½%, in the reading-room issue, making a gain of 98,086, or 14%, in the total issue. The discrepancy between the recorded issue and the books really used in the reference department naturally grows greater every year. With the increasing number of students and the greater freedom given them it becomes more and more difficult to keep a count of the number of volumes consulted by them. It is safe to say the record given of books used in the reference department falls 10,000 volumes short of the real number. Full particulars regarding the issue are given in the following tables:—

ISSUE BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1897.

	HOME ISSUE.				Library Issue.	Reading Room Issue.	Total.
	Main Library.	Delivery Stations.	Sunday Schools & Social Settlements.	Total.			
May.....	30527	5784	.....	36311	3747	12606	52664
June.....	32666	4737	.....	37403	2995	14190	54588
July.....	33681	5134	.....	38815	3113	10071	51999
August.....	34858	4551	.....	39409	2835	9750	51994
September.....	31416	4526	.....	35942	2913	13200	52055
October.....	33543	3850	.....	39393	4196	16234	59823
November.....	36566	8029	257	44852	5107	16327	66286
December.....	38822	10657	1052	50531	4860	17483	72874
January.....	41729	10978	1730	54437	5110	18440	78187
February.....	41408	11744	2491	55643	4877	19409	79929
March.....	44641	14258	3137	62036	5584	21165	88805
April.....	39733	13668	2386	55787	5703	15834	77324
1896-97.....	439590	99916	11553	551059	51240	184729	787028
1896-96.....	426499	40302	5917	472713	46082	170142	688942
Gain.....	13091	59614	5636	78341	5158	14587	98086

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy.....	2424	.44	685	1.33	3109	.52
Theology.....	3742	.68	1693	3.30	5435	.90
Social Science.....	9028	1.64	5541	10.82	14569	2.42
Natural Science.....	14322	2.60	5215	10.18	19537	3.24
Art and Poetry.....	13483	2.45	5323	10.39	18806	3.12
Fiction.....	321023	58.25	9319	18.19	330342	54.85
Juvenile.....	144354	26.20	3302	6.44	147656	24.52
Literary Miscellany.....	11999	2.18	4169	8.14	16168	2.68
Geography and History.....	24326	4.50	6454	12.60	31280	5.19
Cyclopaedias and Magazines...	5858	1.06	9539	18.61	15397	2.56
	551059	100.00	51240	100.00	602299	100.00

Owing to the miscellaneous contents of most periodicals, an exact classification of them is impossible. Periodicals in the reading-room are roughly

classified by their leading characteristics; and on this is based the following table, showing the

CLASSIFIED READING-ROOM ISSUE.

	Issue.	Per Cent.		Issue.	Per Cent.
Philosophy	388	.21	Fiction	10085	5.48
Religion	2537	1.37	Juvenile	88489	20.81
Social Science	49956	27.05	Literary Misc	646	.35
Natural Science	25615	13.87	Geog. and Hist.	53924	29.20
Art and Poetry	3144	1.71			
Total				184729	100.00

DELIVERY STATIONS.

The extension of the delivery station system has produced results none the less gratifying because predicted. The number of stations has increased from 24 to 30; the circulation through them from 40,802 volumes to 111,469 volumes, or from less than 10 per cent to more than 20 per cent of the entire home issue. The detailed statement of the monthly issue from each station is given below:—

DELIVERY STATION ISSUE.

No record can be kept of visitors to the Newspaper Reading Room on the second floor. The elevator registers show that 612,760 persons visited the sixth and seventh floors during the year, an average of nearly 51,064 a month.

The Library was open every day in the year. The figures for Sunday and holiday issue, maximum, minimum and daily averages, will be found in the following summaries; also the issue on each of the five national holidays. Local and occasional holidays are not included, as they differ but little from ordinary days. The total holiday issue increased from 5,679 in the previous year to 11,281, and the average from 1,136 to 1,410.

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SUMMARIES.

	1895-6.	1896-7.	
Home issue, regular library.....	457,559	537,583	
Home issue, coll. of duplicates.....	15,159	13,476	
Total home issue.....	472,718	551,059	
		472,718	
Gain in home issue.....		78,841	
Library issue.....	46,082	51,240	
		46,082	
Gain in Library issue.....		5,158	
Total issue of all books.....	518,800	602,299	
Reading-room issue.....	170,142	184,729	
Total issue in all departments.....	688,942	787,028	
		688,942	
Gain in 1896-7.....		98,086	
Largest week day issue, Saturday, March 6, 1897.	Smallest week day issue, May 28, 1896; day after tornado.		
Home issue.....	3,466	Home issue.....	709
Library issue.....	144	Library issue.....	77
Reading-room issue.....	963	Reading-room issue.....	103
Total.....	4,573	Total.....	889
Largest Sunday issue, February 21, 1897.	Smallest Sunday issue, June 10, 1896.		
Library issue.....	75	Library issue.....	26
Reading-room issue.....	437	Reading-room issue.....	103
Total.....	512	Total.....	129
Total Sunday issue.	Average Sunday issue.		
Library issue.....	2,963	Library issue.....	58
Reading-room issue.....	13,025	Reading-room issue.....	548
Total.....	15,988	Total.....	606
Average daily issue.	Average week day issue.		
Home issue.....	1,772	Home issue.....	1,772
Library issue.....	140	Library issue.....	154
Reading-room issue.....	507	Reading-room issue.....	548
Total.....	2,419	Total.....	2,474

HOLIDAY ISSUE.

	Home.	Library.	R.-Room.	Total.
Decoration Day.....	1,214	142	384	1,740
July Fourth.....	129	26	168	323
Labor Day.....	1,375	107	460	1,942
Election Day.....	1,046	191	565	1,802
Thanksgiving.....	542	78	301	921
Christmas.....	33	40	171	244
New Year.....	291	112	356	759
Washington's Birthday.....	2,521	191	838	3,550
Total.....	7,151	887	3,243	11,281
Average.....	894	111	405	1,410

MISCELLANEOUS WORK OF ISSUE AND REGISTRATION DEPARTMENTS.

In my last two annual reports I have tried to explain the methods and processes by which the administration of the Library in its various departments is carried on and to make clear to the uninitiated that handing two or three thousand books over the counter and receiving the same number each day is not all there is in the work of a large library. Small things are sometimes more significant than great ones. The large labors of the issue and registration departments may be judged from a few minor items that would ordinarily escape attention. The records show that during the year the addresses of 3,571 persons had to be changed; 13,270 new issue cards were made out to replace cards that had been filled; 10,660 notices were sent for books overdue; 18,148 new book cards were written to replace those filled; 1,728 notices were sent to persons who left their cards on the counter or dropped them on the floor. After sending two notices by mail it was necessary to send a messenger for 589 books. Of these the messenger brought back 112: 373 were shortly returned by the cardholders: 104 had not been returned when the record for the year was closed: the return of 51 of these was promised: 53 were entered as in all probability lost. Of these last, 2 were issued for use in the reading-room. A majority of them were drawn by children on the guaranty of their fathers, who cannot be found. In the other cases both principal and guarantor cannot be traced and have presumably left the city.

Notices to the number of 85 were sent to houses having contagious diseases directing the family to turn over library books to the Health Commissioner for fumigation or destruction. In such cases no fine is charged for detention or loss of books.

The tornado that swept across the city May 27, 1896, caused a loss of 19 books and the practical destruction of 147 others.

After sending three notices (one by messenger) to persons failing to return books overdue and after further notifying the guarantor, at the end of thirty days the case is turned over to the City Attorney. During the year 7 such cases were reported. Of these, 5 were settled without trial by return of the book or payment of its value together with fines and costs: in one case judgment was given for the Library, and in the remaining instance the case was continued and was not settled at the close of the library year.

The home issue was upwards of 551,000 volumes. Of these 51 volumes were not returned and are counted as lost. This makes the percentage of loss on the books given out for reading at home less than $\frac{1}{100}$ of one per cent.

PROGRESS AND IMPROVEMENT.

The general growth and progress of the institution is best shown by a gain of 78,341 in the home issue, and of 98,086 in the total issue for the year. A large contributing factor in this increased use of the Library was the extension of the delivery station system.

The only new enterprise undertaken was the publication of the St. Louis Public Library Magazine. This is a continuation, but on a much larger scale and with a higher standard, of the Bulletin. Its purpose is the same; viz., to serve as a medium of communication between the Library and the public, to furnish readers with lists of the books added to the collection from month to

month, and to publish the class lists of the books in the Library and lists of books on topics of current interest. The first number appeared in the last month of the year for which this report is made. It is, therefore, too soon to estimate what measure of appreciation it will meet with. Impartial judges pronounced it the handsomest organ ever issued by a public library.

There have been few changes in the staff. It now includes only two assistant cataloguers instead of three as before, the appointment of Miss Mabel Marvin and the promotion of Miss Fichtenkam having filled two out of the three vacancies created by the resignations of Misses Chase and Gibson (as noted in the last report) and that of Miss McCreary which took effect December 1st, 1896. Geo. Krag, a messenger left in September to return to school; his place was filled by Edward Kempfer. One of the apprentices, Miss Dawson, also left to return to school. To supply the deficiencies thus created and to provide for the constant growth of the work, Lester Bernd and Misses Clara Dean, Jessie Gilmore and Lenore Kledus were appointed apprentices and Arthur Widdicombe, Edward Phillipi and James Hackett, messengers. In each case the appointment was made on results of a written examination designed to test the applicant's intelligence, education and general information. The staff numbers three more persons than it did at the close of the previous year, the increase being in the grades of apprentices and messengers. The rapid growth of the delivery station work made the service of another person necessary; and Russell Steel received the well-deserved promotion to the position of assistant in that department.

I can only repeat, and I take pleasure in doing so, my hearty commendation of the work of the staff, which has been characterized by intelligence, zeal and a belief in the high mission of the Library.

SHALL ST. LOUIS CONTINUE IN THE REAR?

The magnificent new building of the Boston Public Library completed two years ago called forth universal admiration. For months it furnished the daily press and the illustrated periodicals throughout the Union with a theme for glorification; and it has now passed into common knowledge and taken its place among the monuments of civilization that reflect honor on the whole country and especially on the city that had the liberality and the wisdom to erect it.

The Chicago Public Library will soon take possession of a building which its citizens claim to be even superior to the Boston edifice. Both of these buildings occupy suitable and commanding sites. They are built for the future as well as the present. They symbolize now and will represent to later generations the highest ideal *realized* by mankind in the nineteenth century. They make proclamation that spiritual treasures,—the joys of knowledge, the delights of the imagination, the uplifting of the soul through contact with noble thoughts—are freely accessible to all the inhabitants of those cities, to the poor as well as to the rich. Within their walls are gathered the records and results of all human effort through all the ages; from out their doors come the mightiest influences known to men, the power of heroic example made vivid and luminous by the pen of genius,—the power of thought, “the true thaumaturgic virtue by which man works all things whatsoever.”

The metropolis of the country has just waked up to its duty in this matter and has appropriated two and a half million dollars for the erection of a public

library building in a block of ground 482 feet long by 455 feet wide . But it is not only the great cities of the Union but also cities much inferior in wealth and population that are thus outstripping St. Louis. Milwaukee has just completed a beautiful structure costing about half a million dollars: Minneapolis has had a fine building for some eight years past: Indianapolis dedicated its new library four years ago: Newark is about to put up a new building for its public library: Detroit has a large library well located: Cleveland has several pretty branch library buildings and is about to provide a suitable home for its central library; our little neighbors Peoria and East St. Louis have fine new buildings; while hundreds of small towns might be mentioned that have tasteful and substantial buildings entirely adequate to the wants of their respective communities.

Our library cannot do the work it ought to do for the city until it has larger and more convenient quarters; and it cannot be considered safe from fire until it is housed in a building devoted exclusively to library purposes and isolated from all other buildings. Will St. Louis, in this important feature of civic life, be content to remain in the rear? Will our citizens allow this institution, which can be made the most potent factor of popular education and therefore of municipal progress, to be cramped for want of room and crippled for want of facilities to do its work? The answer I trust will be a decided affirmative vote at the next submission of the question of erecting a library building.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. }

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius personally known to me, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1897, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

EDW. L. PREETORIUS,
*Chairman Auditing Committee,
Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.*

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 2nd day of October, 1897.

(Seal.)

ALFRED C. F. MEYER,
Notary Public.

My term expires January 15, 1899.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. }

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day October, 1897.

(Seal.)

JOHN E. LOVE,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis.

My term expires June 19th, 1899.

APPENDIX NO. 1.

LIST OF THE MOST POPULAR BOOKS.

BOOKS OF LARGEST CIRCULATION.

St. Nicholas	3264	Jo's boys.....	1767
Little women	2346	Under the lilacs ...	1727
Tom Sawyer.....	2092	Eight cousins.....	1622
Count of Monte Cristo.....	2034	Jack and Jill.....	1600
Little men.....	1785	Les misérables.....	1507

NOVELS OF LARGEST CIRCULATION.

Count of Monte Cristo.....	2034	Inez	1016
Les misérables	1507	Vashti	1008
Mr. Isaacs.....	1424	Darkness and daylight.....	1000
He fell in love with his wife.....	1387	Colonel's daughter.....	997
Wandering Jew.....	1300	Barriers burned away.....	990
Three musketeers.....	1277	St. Elmo.....	988
Uncle Tom's cabin.....	1270	Macaria	985
Madeline (Holmes).....	1261	At the mercy of Tiberius.....	979
Marguerite (Holmes).....	1261	Gretchen.....	975
Roman singer.....	1219	Prince of India.....	959
David Copperfield.....	1200	Woman in white	954
Lorna Doone.....	1161	Cousin Maude.....	937
Beulah	1158	Saracinesca	905
Mildred (Holmes).....	1123	Cameron pride	904
Bow of orange ribbon	1029		

NOVELS ISSUED 900 TIMES AND OVER.

Barr	Bow of orange ribbon.....	1029	Holmes.....	Mildred.....	1123
Blackmore.....	Lorna Doone	1161	Hugo.....	Les misérables.....	1507
Collins.....	Woman in white.....	954	King.....	Colonel's daughter.....	997
Crawford.....	Mr. Isaacs	1424	Roe.....	Barriers burned away.....	990
	Roman singer.....	1219		He fell in love with his	
	Saracinesca.....	905		wife.....	1337
Dickens.....	David Copperfield	1200	Stowe.....	Uncle Tom's cabin.....	1270
Dumas.....	Count of Monte Cristo.....	2034	Sue	Wandering Jew.....	1300
	Three musketeers.....	1277	Wallace	Prince of India.....	959
Holmes.....	Cameron pride.....	904	Wilson.....	At the mercy of Tiberius.....	979
	Cousin Maude.....	937		Beulah.....	1158
	Darkness and daylight.....	1000		Inez	1016
	Gretchen.....	975		Macaria	985
	Madeline.....	1261		St. Elmo	988
	Marguerite.....	1261		Vashti	1008

BETWEEN 600 AND 800 TIMES.

Bulwer.....	Last days of Pompeii.....	694	Holmes.....	Queenie Hetherington.....	617
Burnham.....	Next door.....	639		Rose Mather.....	754
	No gentleman.....	619		Tempest and sunshine.....	604
Collins.....	Moonstone.....	723		West Lawn	807
Crawford.....	Don Orsino.....	600	Marlitt.....	Old Mam'selle's secret... ..	655
	Katherine Lauderdale.....	645		Owl's nest.....	735
Doyle.....	White company.....	686		Second wife	678
Dumas.....	Vicomte de Bragelonne... ..	748	Porter.....	Scottish chiefs.....	677
DuMaurier.....	Trilby.....	823	Roe	Opening of a chestnut	
Eliot.....	Daniel Deronda.....	697		burr	788
Holmes.....	Bessie's fortune.....	830		What can she do?.....	648
	Daisy Thornton.....	840	Thackeray	Henry Esmond.....	725
	English orphans.....	655		Virginians	629
	Forrest House.....	612		Vanity fair.....	677
	Homestead on the hill-		Wallace	Ben Hur.....	734
	side	729		Fair God.....	626
	Marion Gray.....	716	Weyman	Gentleman of France	652
	Meadow Brook.....	776	Wilson	Infelice.....	899

BETWEEN 500 AND 600 TIMES.

Black.....	Princess of Thule.....	536	Holmes	Hugh Worthington	516
Bronte	Jane Eyre	519		Milbank	592
Bulwer.....	My novel.....	517	Jackson.....	Ramona.....	504
Collins	No name	521	King.....	Deserter.....	572
Crawford.....	Sant Ilario.....	581		Marion's faith	572
Dickens.....	Old Curiosity Shop	599	Lever.....	Charles O'Malley.....	551
Doyle.....	Refugees	549	Lyall	Knight errant.....	503
Duchess.....	Doris	504		We two.....	541
Eliot	Adam Bede.....	540	Marlitt.....	Little Moorland princess.....	543
Hawthorne.....	Scarlet letter	527	Mulock.....	John Halifax, gentleman.....	580
Holmes.....	Chateau d'Or.....	551	Roe.....	From jest to earnest.....	575
	Dora Deane.....	569		Young girl's wooing.....	539
	Edith Lyle.....	536	Yonge.....	Dove in the eagle's nest..	586

BETWEEN 400 AND 500 TIMES.

Bulwer.....	Rienzi.....	404	Holmes, M. J. Dr. Hathern's daughters.....	401	
	What will he do with it?..	455	Holmes, O. W. Elsie Venner.....	498	
	Zanoni.....	402	Howard.....	One summer.....	463
Burnham.....	Miss Bagg's secretary.....	441	Juncker.....	Margarethe.....	443
Caine.....	Deemster.....	462	King.....	Captain Blake.....	486
Carey.....	Not like other girls.....	423	Kingsley.....	Hypatia.....	430
	Only the governess.....	498	Lover.....	Handy Andy.....	495
Clemens.....	Conn. Yankee in King		Lyall.....	Donovan.....	400
	Arthur's court.....	451		Won by waiting.....	406
Collins.....	Man and wife.....	423	Marlit.....	Countess Gisela.....	492
Cooper.....	Pathfinder.....	426	Porter.....	Scottish chiefs.....	441
	Spy.....	402	Roe.....	Earth trembled.....	420
Corelli.....	Vendetta.....	444		Face illuminated.....	405
Crawford.....	Dr. Claudius.....	478		Knight of the XIX cen-	
	Ralston.....	421		tury.....	455
Dickens.....	Tale of two cities.....	479		Miss Lou.....	492
Doyle.....	Adventures of Sherlock			Original belle.....	468
	Holmes.....	451		Without a home.....	458
	Micah Clarke.....	478	Sue.....	Mysteries of Paris.....	405
Duchess.....	Airy, fairy Lillian.....	466	Thackeray.....	Pendennis.....	429
Ebers.....	Egyptian princess.....	405	Werner.....	St. Michael.....	432
	Uarda.....	475	Woolson.....	East angels.....	402
Hardy.....	Tess.....	490	Yonge.....	Heir of Redclyffe.....	462

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Barrie.....	Little minister.....	391	Elliot.....	Romola.....	322
Bronte.....	Shirley.....	397	Fothergill.....	First violin.....	346
Brush.....	Colonel's opera cloak.....	327	Grand.....	Heavenly twins.....	360
Burnham.....	Mistress of Beech Knoll..	326	Haggard.....	King Solomon's mines.....	338
	Sane lunatic.....	314	Harris.....	Rutledge.....	338
	Young maids and old.....	383	Holmes.....	Lena Rivers.....	376
Caine.....	Bondman.....	306	Hughes.....	Tom Brown at Oxford.....	312
Carey.....	Averil.....	346	Hugo.....	Notre Dame.....	335
	Barbara Heathcote's trial	304	King.....	Kitty's conquest.....	333
	Queenie's whim.....	394		Waring's peril.....	301
	Uncle Max.....	312		War-time wooing.....	345
Cooper.....	Deerslayer.....	349	Lyll.....	In the golden days.....	357
Corelli.....	Ardath.....	361	Manteuffel.....	Violetta.....	332
	Barabbas.....	366	Marlitt.....	At the Councillor's.....	379
	Romance of two worlds.....	380		Lady with the rubies.....	398
	Thelma.....	344	Marryat.....	Mr. Midshipman Easy.....	351
Crawford.....	Casa Braccio.....	386	Reade.....	Put yourself in his place.....	348
Davis.....	Gallagher.....	358	Roche.....	Children of the abbey.....	377
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	Dombey and son.....	392		Near to Nature's heart.....	358
Doyle.....	Memoirs of Sherlock		Scott.....	Guy Mannering.....	360
	Holmes.....	357	Stevenson.....	Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde..	393
	Doings of Raffles Haw.....	302		New Arabian nights.....	334
Duchess.....	Beauty's daughters.....	347	Streckfuss.....	Castle Hohenwald.....	350
	Faith and unfaith.....	318	Thackeray.....	Newcomes.....	394
	Phyllis.....	393	Ward.....	Marcella.....	344
	Rossmoyne.....	310		Robert Elsemere.....	347
Dumas.....	Queen's necklace.....	329	Weyman.....	Francis Cludde.....	338
	Twenty years after.....	359		Under the red robe.....	312
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	Border shepherdess.....	262		Wee wife.....	211
	Friend Olivia.....	263		Wooded and married.....	253
Bellamy.....	Looking backward.....	215	Clemens.....	American claimant.....	221
Besant.....	All sorts and conditions			Pudd'n head Wilson.....	258
	of men.....	270	Collins.....	Armada.....	233
	Armored of Lyonesse.....	231		Dead secret.....	264
Black.....	Daughter of Heth.....	221	Cooper.....	Last of the Mohicans.....	231
	Madcap Violet.....	254		Pilot.....	260
Braddon.....	Aurora Floyd.....	213	Crawford.....	Adam Johnstone's son.....	261
	Lady Audley's secret.....	247		Cigarette-maker's ro-	
Bronte.....	Professor.....	217		mance.....	261
	Villette.....	211		Greifenstein.....	219
Bulwer.....	Alice.....	231		Marzlos Crucifix.....	271
	Night and morning.....	212		Three faces.....	243
Burnett.....	That lass o' Lowries.....	248		To leeward.....	244
	Through one administra-		Curtis.....	Prue and I.....	224
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Burnham.....	Dearly bought.....	274		Nicholas Nickleby.....	284
	Wise woman.....	223	Douglass.....	Claudia.....	260
Caine.....	Manxman.....	289		From hand to mouth.....	219
Carey.....	Aunt Diana.....	240		Out of the wreck.....	279
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Hope	Prisoner of Zenda	277	Tolstoi.....	Anna Karenina.....	200
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	Remember the Alamo....	136		Wormwood	196
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	Judith Shakespeare.....	157	Davis.....	Exiles.....	170
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Maryland. Bureau of Industrial Statistics.....	1	3	— Supt. of Insurance Dept....	1	
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- 25..Lafayette and Nebraska Aves., R. Sassmann....Daily.
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- 31..Grand and Shenandoah Aves., Wm. F. Ittner...Wednesday and Saturday.
- 34..Chouteau and 12th St., W. F. Angermueller...Tuesday and Friday.

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- 17..Olive St. & Vandeventer Av., F. H. Swift....Wednesday and Saturday.
- 18..Cabanne Arcade, A. E. Suppiger.....Wednesday and Saturday.
- 19..Semple and Easton Aves., E. A. Bernius.....Wednesday and Saturday.
- 20..46th and Easton Av., J. B. Menkhaus.....Daily.
- 21..Taylor and Finney Aves., Chas. D. Merriem ...Wednesday and Saturday.
- 22..Grand and Finney Aves., F. C. Garthoffner...Daily.
- 27..Grand and Lindell Aves., D. A. ByrneWednesday and Saturday.
- 28..Chesterham, Goehring's Pharmacy.....Thursday.
- 29..Laclede and Boyle Aves., Geo. W. Smith.....Wednesday and Saturday.
- 32..Goode and Easton Aves., F. M. Bach.....Wednesday and Saturday.

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To Hon. Henry Ziegenhein, Mayor of St. Louis:

SIR—The Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library beg leave to submit to you, as chief magistrate of the city, the following report for the year ending April 30, 1898. A large and valuable portion thereof is the annual official report of our Librarian, to whose energy, intelligence and long experience the present and prospective growth of the Library is so largely due. The accurate and exhaustive details given by him leave practically nothing of real value to be added by us in the way of information. We may, therefore, confine our remarks mainly to such comment and suggestion as the facts he presents seem to demand.

The Free Public Library has now been in existence only a little over four years. In this short period it has more than fulfilled the most sanguine expectations of those who were instrumental in its establishment. From the very outset it demonstrated its right to live and its capacity for indefinite growth. It is no longer an experiment, involving possible failure in a near or remote future. It is an assured success, and this assurance is deepening and strengthening with every passing week. It is pre-eminently a popular institution; an institution "of, for, and by the people;" an institution which, as an agency for the diffusion of popular knowledge and the general education and intellectual development and advancement of the community, has no equal—hardly, so far as its work is concerned, a respectable rival. The only question now is—and it is a most urgent and pressing one—whether this great and constantly enlarging



usefulness shall be checked and crippled for the lack of proper facilities; whether St. Louis, with its population of 600,000, shall be content to be passed and distanced by cities much inferior in size, wealth and commercial enterprise.

The pivotal and vital point of this question, to which all others are of comparatively minor consequence, is the need of a new building; a building not only in every way worthy of a city of which we are all so justly proud, but a building entirely fit and adequate not merely for the immediate wants of a People's Library, nor for its wants ten or twenty years hence, but for a period of indefinite duration; a building which shall be a permanent home, and not simply a temporary camp, so to speak.

Our 130,000 volumes are now lodged in the sixth and seventh stories of a building constructed for purely business purposes. It is crowded now; and the pressure upon the limited space naturally and inevitably becomes greater as a constantly increasing number of books demand admittance. It is difficult of access, deficient in indispensable conveniences, and notoriously unsafe as a depository of the literary and scientific treasures it now contains,—to say nothing of those that must come hereafter.

The Board of Directors, from their first organization, have fully recognized the absolute necessity of a new and suitable building at the earliest possible moment, if the Library is ever to be what it certainly ought to be. They have done, are doing, and will continue to do, their best under most unfavorable conditions; but they realize more and more every day that if the Library, and all that it stands for, are not to suffer serious, if not irreparable, injury, these conditions must be radically changed for the better—and that delay, to say the least, is dangerous. In these few years, by closest economy and constant watchfulness, they have, after paying the fixed charges upon the annual fund for maintenance, saved \$123,000. This sum has been invested in desirable real estate with a view to the erection of a new building. The remainder of the money required for the purchase of what is now known as the Library Lot on Olive Street was furnished by a loan, the particulars of which are sufficiently given in the Librarian's Report. The meeting of the interest on this loan and payment of a portion of the principal have necessarily cramped the financial resources of the Board to a very considerable extent; and, in the hope of providing ways and means to relieve them of this burden, the question of levying a small building tax for the limited period of five years was submitted to popular election in April, 1897,

and again in November, 1898. On both occasions it was defeated,—not because a majority of the people were opposed to it, as the returns showed decidedly the contrary,—but because of the needlessly stringent conditions of the state law under which the election was held. Consequently the financial burden remains, with all that it implies in the shape of embarrassment to the Board and restricted usefulness to the Library. It must be lifted; and we have faith to believe that it will be. An institution which already has 45,000 enrolled members, and which circulates nearly a million of books every year among the people “without money and without price,” should not and can not be allowed to suffer from a depleted treasury. The Library will not and can not die; but it may and will languish if not liberally supported by the public for which it is working and to which it belongs.

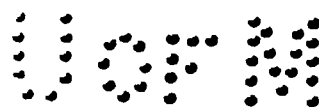
Until the conditions imposed by the state law are materially changed, it will be exceedingly difficult to obtain a verdict at the ballot box in favor of the building tax; and, until such verdict is obtained, the Library will be heavily handicapped by lack of money. Our hands are tied, or so nearly so, as to almost disable them for the great and ever-growing effort imperatively required if the Library is to be kept up to the high standard of the mission it has assumed, and so far worthily filled. Something must be done, and it remains to be seen what St. Louis will do. A noble example has recently been set in the case of Washington University. A few public-spirited gentlemen, who know how to use their wealth, have contributed enough of it to place the University fairly upon its feet and open for it a noble future. Are there not others in our city who will do as much or more for an institution certainly not inferior, and in some respects superior, in usefulness to any University? How can our rich men make better investment of a part of their riches than in this way? How can they buy for themselves a more generous and graceful immortality? How can they win from present and future generations a larger or more enduring gratitude? How can they more surely accomplish what will make posterity “rise up and call them blessed?”

Meanwhile the Library waits.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS DIMMOCK,

President



REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to present the following report on the work of the Library for the year ending April 30th, 1898, with some additional statistics showing the growth and progress up to January 1, 1899.

The receipts for the fiscal year amounted to \$73,349.01 as follows :

City collections.....	\$67,638 45	
Desk receipts.....	3,839 86	
Rent	1,480 00	
Int. on current and time deposits.....	390 70	
		<u>\$73,349 01</u>

In the city collections there was an increase of \$2,975.13 over the previous year, and the desk receipts show a gain of \$148.55.

The total expenditure for the maintenance of the Library amounted to \$58,051.90. In addition to this, \$29,972.00 was paid on real estate,—\$20,000.00 being the first payment on the new building site, and \$9,972.00 principal and interest notes on the 181 feet on the southeast corner of Locust and Seventeenth Streets, bought January 10, 1896. The final payment on this property (\$24,036.00) was made January 10, 1899.

The total amount expended for books, periodicals and binding was \$17,070.97. The total expense for the quarters occupied by the Library was \$10,182.62. This consisted of \$5,000 for rent, \$3,216.69 for elevator service, \$1,589.82 for light, \$170.86 for water, and \$205.25 for heat on Sundays and holidays.

The expenditure for delivery stations has increased from \$933.35 in 1896-97 to \$1,385.65 ; and, if the service is to be extended, a much larger appropriation will have to be made for the coming year.

*The "Collection of Duplicates," having fulfilled its purpose of supplying multiple copies of new books in temporary demand, shows a profit of \$1,064.06 for the four years from June 1, 1894, to May, 1898. This of course, is so much added to the fund for the purchase of books for the regular collection, which further illustrates the fact that the "Collection of Duplicates" benefits those who do not use it as well as those who do.

A detailed statement of the receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year covered by this report and also for the calendar year of 1898 follows.

*For the explanation of the character and purpose of this special collection see annual report for 1894-95.

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 11, 1898.

DR.		
To bal. in City Treas., April 12, 1897.....	\$24,537 93	
Collections, April 12, 1897—April 11, 1898.....	67,638 45	
		<u>\$92,176 38</u>
Bal. in Bank Fund, April 1, 1897.....		10,490 47
Bal. in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1897.....		101 80
Collection of Duplicates,		
Cards sold.....	811 65	
Magazines sold.....	52 65	
		<u>864 30</u>
Fines.....	2,506 71	
Books sold, lost and paid for.....	205 17	
Catalogues.....	100 90	
Lost cards.....	138 10	
Postal cards.....	14 05	
Old paper, etc.....	10 63	
Total desk receipts,		<u>3,839 86</u>
Rent (from property purchased January, 1896)		1,480 00
Interest.....		390 75
Postage replaced.....		34 06
		<u>108,513 32</u>

CR.		
By Salaries.....		23,253 53
Books, Main Collection.....	10,758 33	
Collection of Duplicates.....	538 17	
Binding.....	4,653 93	
Periodicals.....	1,120 54	
		<u>17,070 97</u>
Building (real estate purchased).....	29,972 00	
Rent.....	5,000 00	
Elevator salary.....	1,462 50	
Elevator power.....	1,344 20	
Elevator (Sundays and holidays).....	409 99	
Fuel (Sundays and holidays).....	205 25	
Light.....	1,589 82	
Insurance.....	787 00	
Water.....	170 86	
Furniture and repair.....	578 36	
		<u>41,519 98</u>
Expense.		
Printing and Stationery.....	2,883 94	
Advertising.....	131 25	
Delivery Stations.....	1,385 65	
Postage.....	296 11	
Sundries.....	1,191 64	
Supplies.....	290 83	
		<u>6,179 42</u>
Total expenditures (including real estate investment).....		<u>88,023 90</u>
Bal. in Bank Fund, April 12, 1898.....		14,700 70
Bal. in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1898.....		96 23
Bal. in City Treasury, April 11, 1898.....		5,692 49
		<u>\$108,513 32</u>

Collection of Duplicates, Receipts and Expenditures, June 1 to April 30, 1898.

Receipts.....	\$3,106 82
Expenditures.....	2,042 76
Profit.....	<u>\$1,064 06</u>

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1898.

Dr.		
To bal. in City Treas., Jan. 7, 1898	\$36,623 00	
Collections Jan. 7, 1898, to Jan. 9, 1899	71,688 16	
		108,311 16
Bal. in Bank Fund, Jan. 6, 1898		13,389 31
Collection of Duplicates,		
Cards sold	\$734 50	
Magazines sold	36 58	
		771 08
Fines	2,463 94	
Books sold, lost and paid for	171 51	
Lost cards	181 84	
Catalogues	189 00	
Postal cards	14 73	
Miscellaneous	50 73	
Total desk receipts		3,842 83
Rent collections		9,047 56
Interest on deposits		543 97
Insurance		39,552 72
Boiler sold		75 00
Total		\$174,762 55
Cr.		
By Salaries		24,380 02
Books, Main Library	8,815 43	
Collection of Duplicates	337 53	
Binding	5,078 28	
Periodicals	398 71	
		14,629 95
Building, Notes (payments on building site)	83,009 82	
Rent	4,583 34	
Light	1,408 16	
Insurance, Library	\$742 00	
" Property	902 15	
		1,644 15
Elevator (Sundays and holidays)	389 19	
Water	78 00	
Furniture and repairs	600 25	
Elevator salaries	1,012 50	
Elevator power	889 07	
Fuel	103 15	
		\$93,717 63
Expense.		
Printing and stationery	\$ 1,793 96	
Election expenses	463 68	
Delivery stations	1,737 70	
Postage	227 33	
Sundries	627 32	
Supplies	166 48	
		\$ 5,016 47
Total expenditures (including payments made on real estate)		137,744 07
Balance in Bank Fund, Jan. 11, 1899,		
Certificates of deposit	\$2,000 00	
Current deposit	4,728 45	
		6,728 45
Overdraft in Contingent Fund, Jan. 1, 1898.		29 58
Bal. in Contingent Fund, Jan. 1, 1899		32 81
Bal. in City Treasury, Jan. 9, 1899		30,227 64
		\$174,762 55

PURCHASE OF A BUILDING SITE.

The most notable event of the year was the purchase of a block of ground for a building site. A full exhibit of the finances of the Board necessarily includes a succinct account of this transaction, and may be properly accompanied by a brief history of the efforts of the Board to secure a permanent home for the Library.

It was apparent at the outset that the Library could not long remain on the top floor of a commercial building; and not many months after the organization of the Board, there were informal discussions on the subject, resulting in the determination to secure a site as soon as possible and erect a suitable building. It was the unanimous judgment that the Library should be located as near as possible to the business center of the city—between Washington Avenue and Olive Street, the two main east and west thoroughfares, and as far down town as the price of the land would permit.

The first definite report on the subject was made to the Board at the regular meeting on July 7, 1894, by Col. Meysenburg, who had been acting under an informal appointment as a committee on the selection of a site. He had found that a lot which the Board deemed desirable was held at too high a price. At Mr. Meysenburg's request, Mr. Arthur Lee was added to the Committee, and took the lead in a further investigation. Through Mr. Wm. Baggot he obtained the price on every suitable and available lot on Locust and Pine Streets (Olive Street being considered out of the question because of high prices), from Fourteenth to Jefferson Avenue, and on the latter street from Washington Avenue to Pine. A special meeting was held Tuesday, December 24, 1895, to receive a report on this investigation. After long and careful consideration, it was decided that location and price made the southeast corner of 17th and Locust the most desirable lot on the list. The corner with 100 feet fronting on Locust with a depth of 155 feet on 17th Street (having on it the old Morrison mansion, then leased for \$150 a month), was offered by John Lumsden for \$575 a front foot, which was \$175 a foot less than the price placed on a lot of less depth on an opposite corner. Adjoining this was a vacant lot of 81 feet offered by George Warren Brown at \$450 a foot. At the regular meeting, January 11, 1896, a unanimous vote authorized the Committee, Messrs. Lee and Meysenburg, to purchase the Lumsden property and 40 feet of the Brown lot at the prices named. During an informal discussion after adjournment, all the members present came to the conclusion that 140 feet was entirely inadequate to the most limited requirements of the Library; and the Secretary was directed to call a special meeting to consider the advisability of enlarging the purchase. The meeting was held on January 17th; and, on motion of Miss Halsted, it was unanimously voted to buy the whole 181 feet. The total cost of the property, exclusive of interest on deferred payments, was \$94,140.37. The items appear as follows:

John Lumsden, 100 feet at \$575.....		\$57,500 00
George Warren Brown, 81 feet 4¼ inches at \$450....		36,609 37
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		94,109 37
Certificates of title.....	\$ 25 00	
Recorder's fees.....	4 00	
Notary	2 00	31 00
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		94,140 37
Lumsden cash.....	28,750 00	
Brown cash	12,150 00	
Certificate of title, etc	31 00	
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Total cash payment.....	\$40,931 00	

Interest on the Lumsden notes amounted to \$3,364.58. The rent received was sufficient to pay for insurance, repairs, and agent's commissions, and yield a net return of \$4,375.53 up to January 1, 1899. Interest on the Brown lot amounted to \$2,756.63. The total net cost of the 181 feet, therefore, was \$95,886.05.

From the first it was not expected that this would be sufficient ground for the public library of a great and rapidly growing city like St. Louis. Considerations of life and safety from fire—not to mention architectural effect—forbade the thought of covering the entire lot.

The new Boston Public Library, a much larger building than could be erected on our lot, was found to be not large enough before the end of the first year, though Boston has a number of branch buildings to divide the work and lessen the crowd at the central library. Chicago was erecting a building occupying a whole block of ground on the lake front; Milwaukee had a larger building than our ground could properly hold; it was clear that the lot was inadequate. Moreover, it was practically certain that, sooner or later, an eight or ten-story commercial building on Olive Street would cut off our light and in case of fire endanger our building. It was necessary, therefore, to secure a frontage on Olive Street. But this could not be done until money for completing the first purchase should be in sight. When the attempt was made, it was found that two of the three holdings needed were held at unwarrantable prices, and that it would be difficult to get a clear title to two of them. By this time the consensus of the Board was that the site for the future great Public Library of St. Louis ought not to be less than a whole block, in order to give the building a proper setting back from the sidewalk, to obtain light on all sides and, above all, to insure safety from fire, which can be secured only by entire isolation. Accordingly, Mr. Baggot was set to work to see what could be done with the block immediately west. By quiet and skilful negotiation, under the direction of the Committee on Administration, Mr. Baggot secured options on every one of the eleven holdings in the block at prices that have since been pronounced low by real estate dealers, and which were but little more than half the prices asked for the ground on the next block. The property was all improved, bringing, at that time, a total rental of \$18,076 per annum. At a special meeting on March 14, 1898, the Committee on Administration reported the result of its negotiations (which had also included

efforts to obtain a loan), and recommended the purchase of the block if the necessary money could be borrowed at 5%. After long discussion and the consideration of another block of ground offered, the Board adopted the recommendation of the Committee.

The total price of the property was \$455,525.

After much difficulty and delay, the necessary funds were obtained from the St. Louis Trust Company. The first condition of the loan was a cash payment of \$20,000 by the Library, which was made on April 11th. Thereupon, the Trust Company was to make a cash purchase of the property to be redeeded to the Library, taking its notes secured by deeds of trust on the property for the balance due, with the 181 feet on Locust Street as additional security. But immediately upon the closing of the options a fire destroyed five of the buildings, the insurance on which amounted to nearly \$40,000.00. The contract between the Board and the Trust Company, therefore, provided that this sum should be added to the \$20,000.00, making a total cash payment of \$60,000.00. The fire made a considerable reduction in the annual rental; but, at the same time, it saved the interest on \$40,000 and brought this sum for buildings which, in a few years would be worthless. A detailed statement brought up to January 1, 1899, follows. From this it appears that the Library has acquired a \$60,000 equity in the property purchased, at an outlay (including interest) of \$27,207.64. It will be seen, also, that the interest charge has been almost met by the income from rents.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES ON PROPERTY 17TH AND 18TH AND OLIVE
AND LOCUST STREETS.

April 1, 1898, to December 31, 1899.

Payments on building site,		
Cash (April 11)	\$ 20,000 00	
Cash (June 23d)	447 28	
Insurance on houses burnt (June 30)	33,552 72	
" " " (August).....	6,000 00	
		\$60,000 00
Conveyancing,		
Trust Co	\$450 00	
" "	325 00	
" "	555 51	
Internal revenue.....	37 10	
		1,367 61
Wrecking expenses.....	1,320 00	
" "	320 00	
		1,640 00
Appraisal of fire losses.....	431 00	
Repairs	1,079 27	
Agents' commission	204 77	
Insurance	902 15	
Total incidental expenses	5,624 80	
Interest notes paid October 1, 1898.....	9,888 12	15,512 92
Total expense.....		75,512 92

RECEIPTS.

Insurance on houses burnt.....	\$33,552 72	
“ “ “	6,000 00	
		39,552 72
Rent collections April.....	549 93	
“ “ May	841 27	
“ “ June	934 33	
“ “ July	1,182 21	
“ “ August.....	730 00	
“ “ September.....	1,206 33	
“ “ October.....	1,206 33	
“ “ November.....	744 50	
“ “ December.....	1,357 66	
		8,752 56
Total receipts.....		48,305 28
Net outlay for property to Jan. 1, 1899.....		\$27,207 64
		\$75,512 92

The total amount saved out of the regular maintenance fund of the Library from the organization of the Board, July 1, 1893, to January 10, 1899, and invested in real estate was \$123,062.69, as shown by the following statement :—

AMOUNT PAID OUT OF MAINTENANCE FUND FOR REAL ESTATE.

Lumsden property.....	\$ 57,500 00	
Interest	3,364 58	
	60,864 58	
Less net rental	4,375 53	
		\$56,489 05
Brown property	36,609 37	
Interest	2,756 63	
		39,366 00
Conveyancing Lumsden and Brown property.....		31 00
Seventeenth Street block.....	20,447 28	
Interest	9,888 12	
Conveyancing, etc.....	1,367 61	
	31,703 01	
Less net rental... ..	4,495 37	27,207 64
Total paid out of maintenance fund for real estate,		\$123,062 69

REGISTRATION.

The Library was first opened as a free institution on June 1, 1894. Registration began some weeks before. From the beginning up to April 30, 1898, the names of 65,769 persons were registered. During the early months, when names were registered at the rate of more than 2,000 a month and the new machinery was not yet perfected, it was impracticable to deliver readers' cards at the time of registration. That many who signed applications were attracted by the novelty of a free library or came with the idea that they must register at once to get in at all, and did not really care to use the Library, is evidenced by the fact that at the end of the second year it was

found that some 7,000 who had taken the trouble to secure a guarantor and file an application, had not thought it worth their while to call afterwards and get their cards. Up to July 1, 1894, all cards were marked to expire in three years from that date. Expiration, therefore, began with July 1, 1897; and the total of expirations for the year ending April 30, 1898, amounted to 26,064. Of these, 6,931 re-registered during the year,—leaving 19,133 who did not re-register. This, of course, included the 7,000 who had never called for their cards, and some four or five thousand whose terms had but recently expired,—many of whom have since taken cards for a new term of three years. There still remained, however, some thousands who did not value the privileges of the Library. Most of these were children who had been stimulated by the example of their school-mates or the advice of their teachers to get cards, but who failed to receive, either at home or at school, any encouragement to use them, or any help towards appreciating the delights of a good book. It is fair to assume that removals from the city would account for some hundreds. And yet there remains a considerable balance to be accounted for. This, of course, cannot be done accurately or completely. My own personal observation, corroborated by the wider and more constant experience of the assistants in the circulation department, shows that many persons come to the Library expecting to obtain books that no public library could entertain the thought of placing on its shelves. Finding none of these in the catalogue, they have no use for such a library. Again, there is another, a much larger class, whose literary horizon includes only some half-dozen story-writers. These novels are not vicious, but cheap and tawdry, trivial and vulgar, attracting by the glitter of tinsel, which ignorant readers take for gold, because they have never had an opportunity to become acquainted with the genuine metal. Most of these writers are American women, and three of them rank among the most popular authors in all parts of the country. What should be the attitude of the public library towards these books is a constantly recurring question. Supply them *ad libitum*, and you can increase registration and circulation to any extent; cut them off altogether, and thousands would think there was nothing in the library worth reading, and would forthwith leave and depend for their reading on cheap story papers and the low-class paper novels they might buy, beg or borrow. Like most public libraries, we have adopted a compromise by furnishing the books of these authors in limited quantities, hoping thus to hold their devotees and gradually lead them to better things. But hundreds, we know, or have reason to believe, have grown impatient over the difficulty of obtaining their favorites, and, declaring they couldn't get anything from the Library, have ceased to come. To keep these, however, by an unlimited supply of the books in question would be to foster the appetite that grows by what it feeds on and to educate generation after generation of Holmes and Southworth readers in a taste for that kind of insipid and innutritious mental pabulum.

There is another class, also a large one, who have been disappointed in the Library because they cannot get the latest popular books. This is inevitable. No library can supply the demand for new books of the popular kind unless it is conducted on the plan of Mudie's, which orders in advance of publication a whole edition, 2,000 copies, of a book by a popular author and charges from \$5 to \$100 a year for its privileges.

Some former cardholders have not renewed their registration because the Library did not meet their unreasonable requirements, because it was crowded and they had to take their turns in getting books, and because there was not the same absence of formality that prevailed when the membership was only one-tenth of the present enrollment.

But, further, candor compels me to admit that some cardholders have failed to re-register because the Library has not done what the public library of a city like St. Louis ought to do for its citizens. This disappointment of reasonable expectations, I think, can be shown to be from no neglect of the Board or lack of effort on the part of the staff, but solely from the lack of suitable quarters and sufficient funds. And this points to the greatest loss of all: viz., the additional thousands that could have been drawn into the circle of the Library's influence if there had been sufficient revenue to buy more books, print more reading lists, supply more delivery stations, and establish branches with reading-rooms in every part of the city.

A tabulated statement of the registration is given below:

Registered to April 30, 1897.....		51,476
Additions to April 30, 1898.....		14,293
Total registration to April 30, 1898.....		65,769
Expired	26,064	
Less re-registered	6,931	19,133
Total registration		46,636

(Of these 11,790 are men, 13,751 women, 20,978 children, and 117 institutions.)

Total registration		46,636
Cards cancelled	215	
Guarantors withdrawn.....	411	
Held for fines	3,000	3,626
Total cards in use		43,010

The issue of extra and teachers' cards began in September, 1896.

	Extra cards.	Teachers' cards.
Issued up to April 30, 1897	2,049	540
Additions to April 30, 1898	1,716	375
Total	3,765	915

It appears from this that up to April 30, 1898, 65,769 persons had registered as applicants for cards; that during the year ending with that date 14,293 new names were registered and 6,931 cards renewed, and that at the close of the year the total registration was 46,636 and the number of cards in use 43,010.

ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION.

The additions for the year amount to 13,465 volumes, — 14,965 to the regular library and 568 to the "Collection of Duplicates". Of the total, 13,163 were purchased; 1,000 were gifts; and the balance came from the binding of periodicals and pamphlets. The large proportion of juveniles added is accounted for by the increased registration of children and by the purchase of 4,000 volumes for circulation in the public schools. A detailed statement, showing the number of volumes added in each class, etc., is given below.

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1898.

Classes.	Reg. Lib.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	77	.....	77
Religion	266	.....	266
Social Science	1,475	.....	1,475
Natural Science	1,081	.....	1,081
Art and Poetry	502	.....	502
Fiction	2,094	568	2,662
Juvenile Literature	7,769	.....	7,769
Literary Miscellany	405	.....	405
Travels and History	839	.....	839
Cyclopædias and Periodicals	427	.....	427
Total.....	14,935	568	15,503
Source.			
Purchase	12,595	568	13,163
Gift.....	1,680	.....	1,680
Pamphlets, bound.....	121	.....	121
Periodicals, bound	539	.....	539
Total.....	14,935	568	15,503
Language.			
English	14,463	568	15,031
French.....	63	.....	63
German.....	314	.....	314
Other	95	.....	95
Total.....	14,935	568	15,503

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Worn out and condemned	1,586	
Lost and paid for	191	
Charged to card-holders.....	39	
Entered duplicates exchanged	195	2,011
Total additions		15,503
Less above.....		2,011
Net increase.....		13,492

Of the 1,586 volumes worn out, 1,085 were replaced by new copies; and of the 191 volumes lost and paid for, 134 were replaced.

The 39 volumes drawn by card-holders and not returned are a very small percentage out of a total of 687,029,—less than one out of 17,000, or less than six-thousandths of one per cent.

While the year's purchases have necessarily been chiefly for the general reader, the requirements of the student have not been overlooked. The following list of works added to the reference department might be greatly extended.

SOME OF THE MORE IMPORTANT ADDITIONS.

- ARCHER, J. H. L. Orders of chivalry. F.
ARGOSY. 50v. O.
BILLINGS, R. W. Architectural illustrations of Carlisle cathedral. F.

- BIGGS, C. H. W., *ed.* Practical electrical engineering. 2v. F.
 BURGESS, J. The Buddhist stupas of Amaravati. F.
 — Report on the Buddhist cave temples. F.
 CHEMICAL society of London. Journal, and abstracts of proceedings. 64v. O.
 COLLIER, J. P. Bibliographical and critical account of the rarest books in the English language. 2v. O.
 DEVOY, J. History of St. Louis. Q.
 HAMERTON, P. G. Man in art. F.
 INTERNATIONAL cyclopedia. 15v. Q.
 JOURNAL of the anthropological inst. of Great Britain and Ireland. v. 1-18. O.
 KELLOGG, D. O. New Amer. sup. to the Encyclopædia Britannica. 5v. Q.
 KNACKFUSS, H. Künstler-Monographien. 31v. O.
 MONTHLY microscopical journal. v. 1-18. O.
 PEABODY Institute Library. Catalogue and sup. 7v. Q.
 PHILLIPS, P. The Forth bridge. F.
 RANKE, F. L. Memoirs of the house of Brandenburg and hist. of Prussia. O.
 RICHARDSON, C. F., and Clark, H. A. College book. Q.
 RICHELIEU, *Cardinal*. Lettres et papiers d'état. 8v. Q.
 SHAW, H. Details of Elizabethan architecture. F.
 STEVENSON, T. Edinburgh in the olden times. F.

This year marks a further effort to supply the wants of our polyglot population. For many years we have had a good German collection, which has called forth commendation from a number of German students who have at various times examined it; we have always tried to meet the demand for French literature, and of late years have added a number of Italian and Spanish books. This year we made a beginning by the purchase of fifty volumes in the Polish language, comprising some of the best of recent works in history, poetry, and prose fiction.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

In an appendix may be found a complete list of the exchanges and donations, amounting to 2234 volumes and 7,264 pamphlets, from 1,011 sources. The following comparison shows the result of the systematic efforts of the assistant who has had charge of the work the last two years to obtain the publications of the states, municipalities and institutions, from which has come the marked increase in the number of gifts.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

1894-5 to 1897-8.

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
1894-5	1,074	1,362
1895-6	1,575	2,926
1896-7	1,163	3,069
1897-8	2,234	7,265
Calendar year, 1898.....	1,553	8,810

The sources from which the donations and exchanges come are roughly classified as follows :

	May 1, 1897-April 30, 1898.		Jan.-Dec., 1898.	
Source.	Volumes.	Pamphlets.	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Educational institutions.....	46	543	35	503
Libraries.....	132	674	110	701
States and Cities.....	546	2,336	449	2,359
United States.....	227	475	414	617
Miscellaneous.....	1,258	1,927	478	4,080
Foreign.....	25	309	67	550
Total.....	2,234	7,264	1,553	8,810

Most of these were gifts. In exchange for the others we have sent our annual reports, Fiction Catalogue, and the St. Louis Public Library Magazine, copies of our municipal documents, reports of the St. Louis Board of Education, and a few duplicate state documents, together with many duplicates of the United States documents returned to the government.

Among the noteworthy donations of the year the following may be mentioned: .

Mr. F. G. Brown, Boston, Reports of Bunker Hill Monument Association and miscellaneous pamphlets, some of them very old and valuable, 21 volumes and 30 pamphlets; Dr. M. M. Eaton, 56 volumes of medical books; Mr. A. A. Folsom, Boston, 29 numbers of the Reports of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston; Mr. F. Gottlieb, Map of St. Louis, facsimile of plat made by A. Chouteau in 1764; Dr. D. R. McAnally, St. Louis, 9 volumes of additions to the McAnally collection; Hon. J. J. O'Neill, St. Louis, U. S. Publications, 605 volumes, 30 pamphlets, and 21 charts; Dr. E. M. Power's estate, St. Louis, Medical miscellany, 60 volumes, 500 pamphlets; Mr. D. J. Snider, St. Louis, a set of his writings, 18 volumes; Shaker Society of the United States, Shaker literature, 35 volumes, and 20 pamphlets.

DUPLICATES DISPOSED OF.

The records show that 256 volumes of duplicate U. S. and State documents were exchanged as follows :

	Volumes.	Pamphlets.
Denver Public Library, entered 40.....		
unentered 61.....	101	.....
New York City Public Free Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundation, entered.....	81	.....
New York State Library, entered	54	2
Field Columbian Museum, entered.....	14
St. Louis Public School Board, entered	4
Columbia University	2
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	256	2

THE INVENTORY OF 1897.

To account for every one of upwards of 105,000 volumes, many thousands of which are constantly coming in and going out, without in the slightest degree interrupting the circulation, is no small task. How the work is done I explained fully in my report for 1894-95. A careful inventory begun May 17th showed the actual possession of 105,171 catalogued

Including the additions for the eight months following September 1, 1897, we have the

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, APRIL 30, 1898.

	Main Coll.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy.....	1,300	.....	1,300
Religion.....	4,691	.....	4,691
Social Science.....	16,092	.....	16,092
Natural Science.....	15,405	4	15,409
Art and Poetry.....	6,670	7	6,677
Fiction.....	22,392	1,211	23,603
Juvenile Literature.....	17,917	2	17,919
Literary Miscellany.....	6,068	16	6,084
Geography and History.....	14,814	14	14,828
Cyclopædias and Magazines.....	10,663	4	10,667
	116,012	1,258	117,270
Unentered duplicates and books and periodicals not yet catalogued, (about).....			6,000
Total contents of Library April 30, 1898			123,270

BINDING.

During the year 11,090 volumes were rebound by contract at a total cost of \$4,190.83, an average of about 40 cents per volume. In addition to these 1,192 volumes, chiefly periodicals, were bound for the first time at a total cost of \$867.30, an average of 72 cents per volume.

10,022 books were repaired at the Library at a cost of \$469.50 for materials and salary, an average of four cents per volume. The report for the year is as follows:

Leaves patched, 2,611; leaves replaced, 2,465; backs replaced, 1,830; backs patched, 1,695; new backs, 480; backs lettered, 877; books sewed, 64. Total, 10,024.

CIRCULATION.

The total circulation for the year was 920,500 books and periodicals. The home issue from the Library was 438,811; from the delivery stations, 212,360; total home issue, 647,360; library issue, 69,070; reading-room issue, 204,259.

As in other cities, there is a steady and natural tendency towards an increase of the ratio of issue from the delivery stations. For the year covered by this report, the delivery station issue was nearly one-third of the total; while for the year preceding, it was but little more than one-fifth. The gain from this source amounted to 100,891 volumes. Deducting from this the loss of 4,779 volumes in the issue over the library counter, we have a net gain of 96,112 volumes, which is greater by 17,771 than the gain of the previous year. The gain in the home issue was 15 per cent, and in the total issue, 14½ per cent.

The largest per cent. of gain was in the Juvenile Department—the issue increasing from 26 to 32 per cent. Part of this is due to the books sent to the schools. In the adult fiction there has been a corresponding decrease from 58 to 52 per cent. The juvenile issue, it must be remembered, includes books in all classes, and is not to be counted with fiction.

There can be no question that it all has an educating value, as, indeed, do most of the novels read by adolescents and adults.

The March issue was the largest in the history of the Library—72,590 for home use and a total of 103,428.

In fiction the most popular book was Les Miserables, with Monte Cristo second, thus reversing the order of last year. These were followed by the novels of Holmes, Wilson and King, and by Ben Hur, Vanity Fair and the Wandering Jew. Among the juveniles, Tom Sawyer is easily first, followed closely by Miss Alcott's books. Of standard works, Shakespeare heads the list, followed by Mark Twain and Longfellow. A list of the most popular books with the issue of each, may be found in an appendix.

There were seven holidays; Decoration Day, July 5th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Washington's Birthday. The average issue for these days was 1,743, the largest being on Washington's birthday, 3,644, and the smallest, Christmas, 392.

Saturday, March 12th, marked the highest point yet reached, with a home issue of 4,158, and a total issue of 5,398.

Full details may be found in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1898.

	Main Library.	Delivery Stations.	Total.	Library Issue.	Reading Room Issue.	Total in all Depts.
May.....	37449	17789	55238	5030	13562	73830
June.....	33818	15407	49225	4242	12083	65550
July.....	32894	11475	44369	4328	11857	60554
August.....	33599	11067	44666	3945	10919	59530
September.....	30701	10333	41034	4636	12716	58386
October.....	33011	10767	43778	5214	15823	64815
November.....	36935	16992	53927	5993	18841	78761
December.....	36593	16663	53236	7040	20880	81156
January.....	41559	19463	61022	7575	22973	91570
February.....	39484	23086	62570	6485	20994	90049
March.....	41928	30662	72590	7848	22990	103428
April.....	36860	28656	65516	6734	20621	92871
Total, 1897-'98.....	434811	212360	647171	69070	204259	920500
Total, 1896-'97.....	439590	111469	551059	51240	184729	787028
Gain.....		100891	96112	17830	19530	133472
Loss.....	4779					

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue.	Per Cent.
Philosophy.....	2981	.46	1721	2.49	4702	.66
Religion.....	4270	.66	2647	3.83	6917	.97
Social Science.....	8826	1.36	8801	12.74	17627	2.46
Natural Science.....	16068	2.48	7279	10.53	23347	3.26
Art.....	4975	.77	5243	7.60	10218	1.43
Poetry.....	11833	1.83	2395	3.46	14228	1.99
Fiction.....	340836	52.67	10324	14.95	351160	49.02
Juvenile.....	210999	32.60	2307	3.34	213306	29.78
Literary Miscellany.....	12735	1.97	5440	7.88	18175	2.54
Travels.....	8091	1.25	2445	3.54	10536	1.47
History.....	10204	1.58	3555	5.15	13759	1.92
Biography.....	9519	1.47	2381	3.45	11900	1.66
Cyclopædias and Magazines.....	5834	.90	14532	21.04	20366	2.84
Total.....	647171	100.00	69070	100.00	716241	100.00

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Issue—The total issue through the delivery stations was 212,360 volumes, 116,117 of which were issued through the 34 stations in drug stores, and 46,243 through the public schools and Sunday schools. 4,219 volumes were sent to Sunday schools and 1,230 were afterwards recalled because no use was made of them. 4,655 volumes were sent to the public schools as supplementary reading.

The gain in the delivery stations proper over the preceding year was 66,201 volumes; and the total gain, including public schools and Sunday schools, was 100,891, an increase of 66 per cent. The daily average was 534, and the largest issue was April 7th, 1,019.

Stations—There were thirty-four delivery stations, four of which were added during the year, while seven were changed from bi-weekly to daily. Under an arrangement with the street car companies, the Library has established stations at the following power houses for the benefit of the employees: Broadway Cable (North End), Citizen's Railway, Northern Central, and Lindell Railway (Chouteau, Finney, Park, and Vandeventer divisions).

The following churches have been supplied with collections of books for use of the Sunday schools: Baden Presbyterian, Beckville M. E., Bowman M. E., Central Presbyterian, Church of the Messiah, Messiah Mission, Church of the Redeemer, Compton Heights Christian, Cook Avenue M. E., Ethical Club, First Congregational, Fountain Park Congregational, Grace Presbyterian, Hyde Park Congregational, Immanuel Congregational, Lafayette Park M. E., McCausland Avenue Presbyterian, North Presbyterian, Oak Hill Congregational, Olivette Presbyterian, St. Philip's Episcopal, St. Stephens' Mission, Union M. E.

These books may be kept as long as they can be used, and the Library is guaranteed from loss by the pastor of the Church or the Superintendent of the Sunday school. The Second Baptist Sunday School is not mentioned in this list, as the books issued are loaned directly to the members and not to the Sunday School. Orders for books are left with the Librarian of the Sunday School one week in advance. These orders are filled the following Saturday at the Library, sent to the Church and issued the next day.

Transportation—Transportation has been by two Library wagons, one of which was put on last September, the South St. Louis Express for stations 9, 11 and 13, and the Benton Express for station 28.

The transportation of the books is one of the problems to be met in the near future. The only hope for the indefinite increase of the circulation is in the development of the Delivery Stations; and if the present increase is to continue, ampler provisions must be made to meet it. As it is, the routes are so long and the loads so heavy that it is often impossible to make schedule time. On account of this, the drivers are compelled to start out very early in the morning; and frequently they are compelled to wait from 15 minutes to half an hour before some of the stations are open. This, of course, causes delay and confusion at the Library, besides giving

MONTHLY ISSUE FOR THE YEAR, 1898.

Month.	Home.	Library.	Reading Room.	Total.
January	61,022	7,575	22,973	91,570
February	62,570	6,485	20,994	90,049
March	72,590	7,848	22,990	103,428
April	65,516	6,734	20,621	92,871
May	57,096	5,951	16,427	79,474
June	46,037	4,188	12,956	63,181
July	45,805	3,759	10,389	59,953
August	46,068	4,277	9,380	59,725
September	49,384	4,825	14,207	68,416
October	48,243	5,553	15,074	68,870
November	64,742	5,864	16,988	87,594
December	67,956	5,544	19,248	92,748
Total ('98)	687,029	68,603	202,247	957,879
Total ('97)	613,876	61,902	191,549	867,327
Gain	73,153	6,701	10,698	90,552

DELIVERY STATION DEPARTMENT.

Delivery Station Issue	184,723
Schools and Sunday-schools	74,402
Total issue from January to December, 1898	259,125
“ “ “ “ “ “ 1897	171,385
Gain of 1898 over 1897	87,740
Gain in delivery station issue .....	.51

HOLIDAY ISSUE FOR THE YEAR 1897-98.

	Home Issue.	Library.	Reading Room.	Total.
Decoration Day	2,042	123	481	2,646
July 5	414	86	218	718
Labor Day	1,320	143	458	1,921
Thanksgiving Day	824	107	481	1,412
Christmas Day	81	79	232	392
New Year's Day	790	144	540	1,474
Washington's Birthday	2,550	231	863	3,644
Total	8,021	913	3,273	12,207
Average	1,145	130	468	1,743

SUMMARIES.

	1896-97	1897-98
Home issue, regular library	537,583	630,256
Home issue, coll. of duplicates	13,476	16,915
Total home issue	551,059	647,171
Gain in home issue		96,112

	1896-97	1897-98
Library issue	51,240	69,070 51,240
Gain in library issue		17,830
Total issue of books.....	602,299	716,241 602,299
Gain in issue of books		113,942
Reading room issue.....	184,729	204,259 184,729
Gain in reading room issue		19,530
Total issue in all departments	787,028	920,500 787,028
Gain in 1897-1898		133,472
Largest week day issue, Saturday, March 12, 1898.	Smallest week day issue, Thursday, Sept. 16, 1897.	
Home issue 4,158	Home issue 1,107	
Library issue 336	Library issue 198	
Reading room issue 904	Reading room issue 441	
Total 5,398	Total 1,746	
Largest Sunday issue, March 27, 1898.	Smallest Sunday issue, July 4, 1897.	
Library issue..... 68	Library issue..... 26	
Reading room..... 418	Reading-room issue 119	
Total..... 486	Total..... 145	
Total Sunday issue.	Average Sunday issue.	
Library issue..... 3,219	Library issue..... 62	
Reading room issue.....14,289	Reading-room 275	
Total.....17,508	Total..... 337	
Average daily issue.	Average week-day issue.	
Home issue 2,067	Home issue 2,067	
Library issue..... 189	Library issue..... 210	
Reading-room issue 560	Reading-room issue 607	
Total..... 2,816	Total..... 2,884	

MISCELLANEOUS WORK OF THE CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

The system that enables one receiving clerk and one issue clerk to receive and issue 300 volumes in an hour, which counts with absolute exactness how many volumes were issued every day in each of the thirteen main classes—which tells how many and what books are “out” at any moment, in whose hands each book is and when it will be due and shows at a glance what books are overdue—which enables us to ascertain

how many times each volume in the Library has been issued, and furnishes other information at times necessary or desirable, appears very simple in its final application to the one end in view; viz., putting the books into the hands of readers and getting them back again. But, as in the case of any smoothly working and effective piece of machinery, there are many nice adjustments, and much work done that does not meet the eye. A somewhat detailed explanation of the process by which the records of the registration and circulation departments are kept may be found in my report for 1894-5. A few figures will serve to illustrate the work involved in keeping accounts with 45,000 people of all ages and conditions. The routine of the circulation department required the sending of 10,379 notices; 9,880 for books overdue, 416 notifications to guarantors regarding delinquencies of those for whom they were sponsors, and 83 to persons whose houses were reported for infectious diseases, telling them to turn their books over to the Health Commissioner for disinfection. The work of this department also included the writing of 27,059 book cards to replace those that had been filled. In 374 cases a second notice failed to secure the return of the books overdue, and a messenger was sent for the book. Of these, 355 were secured, leaving 19 that had not been returned at the end of the year; of the volumes sent through the delivery stations, 15 were lost. This made a total loss of 34 volumes out of 647,000, less than five-thousandths of one per cent.

It was necessary to prosecute 30 delinquents in the courts, 28 in the police and two in the circuit courts. All the cases were decided in favor of the Library.

CHILDREN'S ROOM—THE LIBRARY AND THE SCHOOLS.

In December, 1897, the juvenile collection was placed in the Medical Room, which had been very little used. The room is not large enough to hold all the juvenile books, and the overflow is shelved in the adjacent section of the stack. The tables in the room are full every afternoon, and on Saturdays the room and the aisles of the stack are so crowded that passage through them is difficult. A room not less than six times as large ought to be provided, and fifty such rooms should be opened in the different parts of the city. The cost would be comparatively little, and the benefits to the city incalculable.

A beginning has been made towards supplying the public schools with good reading. During the winter of 1897-8 books for the first four grades were supplied to twenty schools. The work has been extended this winter to include about half the schools. The books are sent in sets of 30 copies, to be kept a month at each school and then exchanged. The success of the plan depends entirely on the teachers. Most teachers welcome the aid, while some regard the plan with indifference; and a few seem to think the supplying of general reading not a proper function of the schools and an uncompensated tax upon their time. On the other hand, a number of the teachers are calling for more books than we have thus far been able to supply.

The opening of a special room for the Young Folk's Department

brought some very acceptable gifts from friends of the Library. Supt. Gurney, of Shaw's Garden, at once beautified the room with potted plants, which he has since supplied for all the rooms. He also presented a number of gold fish, which are a constant source of pleasure to the little people. Thanks are due also to Mrs. George O. Carpenter and the ladies of the Art League for beautiful and appropriate pictures which have adorned the walls of the room.

THE VALUE OF A PUBLIC LIBRARY.

On a bright day of last June, the little town of Arbroath in Scotland celebrated an event of the greatest and happiest significance to its inhabitants, to them and to their successors for all time. Factories and shops were closed and all customary vocations suspended. Houses were decorated with flags and festive garlands. A grand procession, containing representatives of all the public bodies, trades, friendly societies and other organizations with symbolic floats, a detachment of the volunteers with their full military band, the magistrates and town councillors and distinguished guests and citizens in carriages and the whole completed by the school children of the city, marched through the principal streets. The Arbroath Herald, which devotes the greater part of its next issue to a detailed and illustrated account of the event, says of the procession: "Its magnitude was even greater than the demonstration on the occasion of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee last year." Among the distinguished guests was the Hon. John Morley, the well-known author and member of Parliament, and one of the leaders of the Liberal party.

The occasion of the demonstration was the dedication of a free library building given to the town by one of its noble citizens, Councillor Corsar.

With a few simple words, Mr. Corsar handed to the Provost (Mayor) of the city the deed of gift, the preamble of which recites the donor's reasons for making the gift, viz., "the desire to promote the moral and intellectual well-being of the inhabitants of my native town, and being also desirous of acknowledging the goodness of God in vouchsafing to me the blessings which I have enjoyed as well as the confidence my fellow townsmen have reposed in me and the kindness they have shown to me during bygone years."

In his speech at the presentation ceremony, Mr. Morley expressed his views on the value of a public library in the following words, which I wish might be read by every citizen of St. Louis, and especially those who might, individually or in combination, do for St. Louis what David Corsar has done for his native town.

"It is very evident, from this enormous gathering, that you very cordially appreciate what has been done for this town. In old days, in the old cities of Italy and of Greece, when a great statue was to be unveiled by some great artist, or a great picture was known to have been completed by some master hand, it was the fashion amongst those communities in their love of beauty and art to come forth, much as you have come forth to-day, to welcome the new addition to the wealth and to the beauty of the world. So you to-day—you have come forth to welcome the

addition to your town of what ought to be a boon of priceless value to it. These flags and banners and bands show that you regard this no ordinary occasion; and no ordinary occasion is it. It is an opening to you of a treasure-house of all the wise and silent teachers of the world. It is the unsealing of a fountain whence the richest streams will flow in increasing volume. You are all aware of that, and you all feel it. I am not going to attempt on this occasion to expatiate to you upon the delights and the uses of books and of reading. Nearly all that can be said upon the great and admirable subject has been said by far wiser and greater men than I can pretend to be. They have told you what literature does for you—what books can do for you if rightly used—how they enrich life, how they refresh it, how they console it. They have shown in eloquent, sincere, and true words that after the first absolute necessities of life have been satisfied, then a taste for wise reading, and a cultivation of habits of wise reading, is almost the next necessary in a full and well-filled life. I am not going to repeat all these things. You well know how from books and books alone, from libraries rightly used and from them alone you can have the quickening of intelligence, that awakening up of drowsy thoughts and slumbering impulses. You know all these things. I will only say one thing more. Ladies and gentlemen, you show me a man or a woman who is tolerant, whose reading has made him or her tolerant, patient, candid, a truth-seeker and a truth-lover, then I will show you a well-read man or woman. I have always thought that an admirable definition of the purposes of libraries and books, which was given, years ago, by a well-known man of letters when he said—"Their object is to bring more sunshine into the lives of our fellow countrymen, more good will, more good humor, more of the habit of being well pleased with one another." That is one of the great purposes of wise reading. I will make a little addition to it. The purpose is—yes, to bring sunshine into our hearts and to drive moonshine out of our heads.

"With these words I will only again express my own sense of the service which Mr. Corsar has rendered, not only to you who are here, but to your children and your children's children. He has done a work to which there can be no drawback. In many philanthropic and benevolent things there is a drawback. In the opening of a fountain of light like this there is no drawback to be imagined or to be conceived, and I am perfectly sure that his name, and the names of all who have helped to promote this enterprise and to bring it to a successful issue, will be gratefully remembered by every inhabitant of Arbroath, and by everybody whom they influence."

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,

February, 1899.

Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. }

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1898, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

EDW. L. PREETORIUS,
Chairman Auditing Committee,
Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this twenty-fifth day of February, 1899.

(Seal.)

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis, Mo.

My term expires March 14, 1901.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. }

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 24th day of February, 1899.

(Seal.)

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis.

My term expires March 14, 1901.

APPENDIX NO. I.

LIST OF MOST POPULAR BOOKS.

NOVELS ISSUED 900 TIMES AND OVER.

Holmes.....	West Lawn.....	901	Holmes.....	Infelice.....	902
	Mildred.....	906	Dumas.....	Count of Monte Cristo.....	1504
Wilson.....	Beulah.....	960	Hugo.....	Les misérables.....	1856

BETWEEN 800 AND 900 TIMES.

Holmes.....	Bessie's fortune.....	870	Sue.....	Wandering Jew.....	809
	Daisy Thornton.....	840	Thackeray.....	Vanity Fair.....	806
	Gretchen.....	806	Wallace.....	Ben Hur.....	810
	Madeline.....	889	Weyman.....	Gentleman of France.....	806
	Marguerite.....	868	Wilson.....	Macaria.....	810
King.....	Colonel's daughter.....	806		St. Elmo.....	880

BETWEEN 700 AND 800 TIMES.

Blackmore.....	Lorna Doone.....	775	Holmes.....	Rose Mather.....	713
Brontë.....	Shirley.....	720	Roe.....	Barriers burned away.....	719
Dickens.....	David Copperfield.....	750	Wilson.....	At the mercy of Tiberius.....	780
Holmes.....	Cousin Maude.....	781			

BETWEEN 600 AND 700 TIMES.

Brontë.....	Jane Eyre.....	601	Holmes.....	Dora Dean.....	631
Crawford.....	Don Orsino.....	628		English orphans.....	651
	Taquisara.....	662		Homestead on the hillside.....	600
Dumas.....	Three musketeers.....	669		Hugh Worthington.....	651
Eliot.....	Daniel Deronda.....	652		Meadow Brook.....	602
Fothergill.....	First violin.....	682	Marlitt.....	Second wife.....	651
Hardy.....	Tess.....	682	Stowe.....	Uncle Tom's cabin.....	672
Holmes.....	Cameron pride.....	660	Wallace.....	Prince of India.....	660
	Darkness and daylight.....	660	Ward.....	Sir George Tressady.....	662

BETWEEN 500 AND 600 TIMES.

Carey.....	Not like other girls.....	570	Holmes.....	Marian Grey.....	570
Clemens.....	Pudd'nhead Wilson.....	520		Millbank.....	589
Collins.....	Woman in white.....	510		Queenie Hetherton.....	527
Corelli.....	Romance of two worlds.....	570	Hope.....	Prisoner of Zenda.....	572
Crawford.....	Casa Braccio.....	520	Lyall.....	Donovan.....	534
	Ralstons.....	542	Marlitt.....	Gold Elsie.....	511
	Saracinesca.....	520		Old Mam'selle's secret.....	534
Duchess.....	Phyllis.....	572		Owl's Nest.....	541
Dumas.....	Twenty years after.....	572	Roe.....	Opening a chestnut burr.....	572
DuMaurier.....	Trilby.....	522		Young girl's wooing.....	558
Hawthorne.....	Scarlet letter.....	510	Wilson.....	Vashti.....	562
Holmes.....	Edith Lyle.....	520			

BETWEEN 400 AND 500 TIMES.

Barr.....	Bow of orange ribbon.....	422	King.....	Marion's faith.....	465
Corelli.....	Thelma.....	462	Marlitt.....	Little moorland princess.....	496
Crawford.....	Sant' Ilario.....	452	Roe.....	His sombre rivals.....	402
Holmes.....	Edna Browning.....	480		Original belle.....	462
	Ethelyn's mistake.....	482	Scott.....	Ivanhoe.....	465
	Tempest and sunshine.....	450	Ward.....	Marcella.....	450
King.....	Kitty's conquest.....	403			

BOOKS ISSUED BETWEEN 300 AND 400 TIMES.

Black.....	Madcap Violet.....	309	Corelli.....	Barabbas.....	306
Bulwer.....	Last days of Pompeii.....	332		Ardath.....	302
Burnham.....	Dearly bought.....	308		Vendetta.....	330
	Miss Bagg's secretary.....	360	Dickens.....	Little Dorrit.....	360
	Sweet Clover.....	368		Nicholas Nickleby.....	306
Caine.....	Deemster.....	368		Old curiosity shop.....	362
	Manxman.....	382	Duchess.....	Airy fairy Lillian.....	330
Carey.....	Aunt Diana.....	308		Beauty's daughters.....	336
	Queenie's whim.....	332		Doris.....	360
	Wooded and married.....	302		Duchess.....	362
Collins.....	Man and wife.....	352			

Duchess	Faith and unfaith.....	336	King	Story of Fort Frayne.....	322
	Lovice.....	340	Kingsley	Hypatia.....	391
	Mrs. Geoffrey.....	336	Lover	Handy Andy.....	301
	Rossmoyne.....	390	Lyll	In the golden days.....	372
Ebers	Uarda.....	372		We two.....	350
Eliot	Adam Bede.....	362		Won by waiting.....	310
	Felix Holt.....	341	Kipling	Captains courageous.....	331
	Mill on the Floss.....	341	Mulock	John Halifax.....	392
	Romola.....	313	Porter	Allan Dare.....	331
Ford	Hon. Peter Stirling.....	372		Scottish chiefs.....	372
Grand	Heavenly twins.....	372	Reade	Cloister and hearth.....	332
Holmes, Mrs. M. J.	Chateau d'Or.....	362		Hard cash.....	300
	Forrest House.....	330	Roe	Day of fate.....	390
	Lena Rivers.....	332		Face illumined.....	372
Holmes, O. W.	Elsie Venner.....	360		From jest to earnest.....	390
Howard	One summer.....	362		Miss Lou.....	372
Hugo	Notre Dame.....	332		Without a home.....	382
Jackson	Ramona.....	392	Southworth	Beautiful fiend.....	322
King	Army wife.....	341	Steel	On the face of the waters.....	391
	Capt. Blake.....	332	Wallace	Fair god.....	330
	Foes in ambush.....	310	Weyman	Under the red robe.....	339
	Garrison tangle.....	332	Yonge	Heir of Redclyffe.....	310

BOOKS ISSUED BETWEEN 200 AND 300 TIMES.

Alexander	Her dearest foe.....	210	Goethe	Wilhelm Meister's appren- ticeship.....	248
	Maid, wife or widow.....	284	Habberton	Helen's babies.....	242
	Wooing o't.....	240	Haggard	King Solomon's mines.....	209
Allen	Choir invisible.....	242		Montezuma's daughter.....	278
Austen	Pride and prejudice.....	240	Harland	At last.....	272
Barrie	Little minister.....	240		Judith.....	217
Black	Princess of Thule.....	208	Harraden	Hilda Strafford.....	248
Bulwer	Alice.....	210	Harris	Rutledge.....	217
	Ernst Maltravers.....	212	Hawthorne	Marble faun.....	248
	Last of the barons.....	240	Hervey	Amyas Egerton, cavalier.....	249
	Rienzi.....	219	Hillern	Only a girl.....	279
Burnham	Dr. Latimer.....	240	Holmes	Christmas stories.....	217
	Mistress of Beech Knoll.....	210		Dr. Hathern's daughters.....	240
	Next door.....	210	Hope	Man of mark.....	217
	No gentleman.....	270		Phroso.....	240
	Wise woman.....	240	Hughes	Tom Brown at Oxford.....	211
	Young maids and old.....	242	Hugo	Tollers of the sea.....	216
Carey	Averil.....	278	Keightley	Last recruit of Clare's.....	217
	Barbara Heathcote's trial.....	210	King	Deserter.....	248
	Heriot's choice.....	270		Soldier's secret.....	248
	Uncle Max.....	272		Tame surrender.....	278
Cervantes	Don Quixote.....	242		Trooper Ross.....	262
Clemens	Connecticut Yankee in, etc.....	240		War-time wooing.....	281
	Gilded age.....	270	Kingsley	Westward ho!.....	246
Collins	Dead secret.....	270	Marlitt	At the councillor's.....	241
	Moonstone.....	242		In the Schillingscourt.....	217
	No name.....	219		Lady of the rubies.....	219
Cooper	Deerslayer.....	242	Porter	Thaddeus of Warsaw.....	246
	Last of the Mohicans.....	270	Reade	Put yourself in his place.....	245
Corelli	Soul of Lillith.....	240	Roche	Children of the abbey.....	279
Crawford	Dr. Claudius.....	270	Roe	Earth trembled.....	248
	Mr. Isaacs.....	282		He fell in love with his wife.....	217
	Roman singer.....	289		Knight of the 19th century.....	248
	Witch of Prague.....	220		Near to nature's heart.....	217
Crockett	Gray man.....	210		Taken alive.....	210
Cummins	Lamplighter.....	219		What can she do?.....	268
Davis	Gallegher.....	210	Sand	Consuelo.....	298
	Princess Aline.....	222	Scott	Kenilworth.....	279
	Soldiers of fortune.....	272		Monastery.....	262
Dickens	Barnaby Rudge.....	219	Stenkiewicz	Quo vadis.....	248
	Martin Chuzzlewit.....	272	Southworth	Changed brides.....	242
	Old curiosity shop.....	248		Discarded daughter.....	242
	Tale of two cities.....	219		Fair play.....	279
Douglas	In trust.....	216		Family doom.....	210
Doyle	Adv. of Sherlock Holmes.....	272		Fatal marriage.....	240
	Great shadow.....	240		Gypsy's prophecy.....	282
Duchess	Dick's sweetheart.....	270		How he won her.....	252
	Lady Walworth's dia- monds.....	210		Tried for her life.....	217
	Molly Bawn.....	266		Two sisters.....	277
	Portia.....	270		Unknown.....	279
	Unsatisfactory lover.....	282		Victor's triumph.....	217
Dumas	Forty-five guardsmen.....	246		Widow's son.....	249
	Iron mask.....	242		Wife's victory.....	247
	Queen's necklace.....	216	Stimson	King Noanett.....	217
	Vicomte de Bragelonne.....	281	Stockton	Story of three burglars.....	228
Ebers	Egyptian princess.....	216			

Thackery .	248	world	287
	217	.. . . .	242
	228	.. . . .	243
Tomkins	266	Wilson .	270
Warner..	276	Wood ..	216

BOOKS ISSUED BETWEEN 100 AND 200 TIMES.

Alcott	Moods.....	120	Douglas..	a garden	152
Alexand	Work	142			126
		132			142
		142			126
		149	Doyle ...		156
		180			126
		132			
Allen ...		172			108
Austin ..		140			182
Barr ..		142			183
		122			189
Barrett ..		172	Duchess....		160
Barrie..		147			164
		172			162
Black ...		142			126
		119			127
		109			109
Braddon		142	Dumas. .		182
Brontë .		120			126
		180			128
Bulwer .		150			136
		180			173
		182		Graf von	152
		162		Isabel of	116
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		182			126
		184	DuMaurier		189
		180			162
		120	Duncan		122
		180	Ebers		126
		152			116
		162			182
		116			126
		168	Eggleston		102
		182			189
		152	Elliot . .		162
		142			160
		162	Felding . .		169
		128	Fleming...		162
		122			189
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		152			164
		125			122
		142			182
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		182			119
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		152			189
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		128			192
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Davis..		120			119
		122			160
Deland		126			102
		162			126
Dickens		129			150
		126			122
		152	Green		126
		108	Gunter ...		152
Douglas		152			160
		126	Haggard.		126
		102			122
		128			116
RENEW		122			117
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Modern	city.....	127	Miawa		128
	and Eve in		Nada.		128
			People		129

Haggard.....	She.....	128	Page.....	In ole Virginia.....	186
Halvey.....	Abbe Constantine.....	189	Phelps.....	Singular life.....	155
Harder.....	Family feud.....	122	Reade.....	Never too late to mend.....	124
Hardy.....	Pair of blue eyes.....	162		Terrible temptation.....	155
Harland.....	Alone.....	119	Reid.....	Gentle belle.....	124
	Empty heart.....	162	Russell.....	Wreck of the Grosvenor.....	109
	Hidden path.....	120	Sand.....	Countess of Rudolstadt.....	155
	Moss-side.....	116	Schreiner.....	Story of an African farm.....	162
	My little love.....	119		Trooper Peter Halket.....	104
	Nemesis.....	128	Scott.....	Bride of Lammermoor.....	148
	Sunnybank.....	119		Rob Roy.....	124
Harraden.....	In varying moods.....	122		Talisman.....	129
	Ships that pass in the night.....	186	Sienkiewicz.....	Yankoo, the musician.....	123
Harris.....	Phoebe.....	116	Smith.....	Married belle.....	109
	Utter failure.....	116		Tom Grogan.....	155
Harrison.....	Bachelor maid.....	115		Widow Goldsmith's daughter.....	122
Hawthorne.....	House of seven gables.....	162	Southworth.....	Allworth Abbey.....	186
	Mosses from an old manse.....	122		Artist's love.....	126
Hay.....	Arundel motto.....	123		Bride's fate.....	126
	Squire's daughter.....	116		Christmas guest.....	122
Heimburg.....	Her only brother.....	126		Cruel as the grave.....	155
	Poor girl.....	162		Deserted wife.....	186
Heyse.....	Kinder der Welt.....	102		Fortune seeker.....	127
Holmes.....	Guardian angel.....	120		Haunted homestead.....	186
Hope.....	Indiscretion of the duchess.....	116		India.....	182
	Sport royal.....	162		Lost heiress.....	189
Howard.....	Aulnay Tower.....	116		Three beauties.....	105
	Aunt Serena.....	162	Spielhagen.....	Hammer und Ambos.....	124
Howells.....	Annie Kilburn.....	122	Stael.....	Corinne.....	186
	Hazard of new fortunes.....	162	Stevenson.....	Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde.....	115
	Imperative duty.....	116		Kidnapped.....	107
	Indian summer.....	128	Stowe.....	Dred.....	124
	Lady of the Aroostook.....	172		Minister's wooing.....	123
	Landlord at Lion's Head.....	182		We and our neighbors.....	124
	Rise of Silas Lapham.....	115	Streckfuss.....	Too rich.....	152
	Their wedding journey.....	172	Sue.....	Mysteries of Paris.....	160
	Woman's reason.....	118	Tautphoeus.....	Initials.....	162
Hughes.....	Tom Brown at Rugby.....	110	Taylor.....	On the red staircase.....	140
Hugo.....	Ninety-three.....	162	Thackeray.....	Virginians.....	145
James.....	Daisy Miller.....	116	Tolstoi.....	Anna Karenina.....	158
	Spoils of Poynton.....	162	Warner, C. D.....	Golden House.....	162
Jewett.....	Country doctor.....	116		Little journey in the world.....	155
Jokal.....	Green book.....	161	Warner, S.....	Queechy.....	172
Junker.....	Margaretha.....	162	Werner.....	Banned and blessed.....	162
King.....	Captain Close.....	165		St. Michael.....	150
	Laramie.....	165	Weyman.....	House of the wolf.....	162
	Starlight Ranch.....	124		Man in black.....	132
	Waring's peril.....	150		My lady Rotha.....	164
Léver.....	Charles O'Malley.....	162		Red cockade.....	182
	Harry Lorrequer.....	126		Story of Francis Cludde.....	162
Lewald.....	Hulda.....	186	Wichert.....	Green gate.....	122
Lyall.....	Knight errant.....	162	Wilkins.....	Humble romance.....	127
Manteuffel.....	Violetta.....	121		Jerome.....	124
Marlitt.....	Haideprinzesschen.....	186		Pembroke.....	162
	Zweite Frau.....	159	Woolson.....	East Angels.....	127
Mitchell.....	Amos Judd.....	124	Yonge.....	Dove in the eagle's nest.....	116
Muehlbach.....	Kaiser Joseph II.....	123		Heartsease.....	107
Ouida.....	Friendship.....	102	Zola.....	Rome.....	102
	Under two flags.....	180			

JUVENILES ISSUED 900 TIMES AND OVER.

Alcott.....	Eight cousins.....	1080	Clemens.....	Tom Sawyer.....	1536
	Jack and Jill.....	908	St. Nicholas.....		1917
	Little women.....	1472			

BETWEEN 800 AND 900 TIMES.

Alcott.....	Jo's boys.....	823	Alcott.....	Under the lilacs.....	868
	Little men.....	870	Trowbridge.....	Bound in honor.....	800

BETWEEN 700 AND 800 TIMES.

Alden.....	Jimmy Brown.....	778	Coffin.....	Boys of '61.....	724
Andersen.....	Fairy tales.....	781			

BETWEEN 600 AND 700 TIMES.

Alcott.....	Aunt Jo's scrap bag.....	690	Aldrich.....	Story of a bad boy.....	680
	Old fashioned girl.....	660	Arabian Nights.....		692
	Rose in bloom.....	662			

JUVENILES ISSUED BETWEEN 500 AND 600 TIMES.

Grimm.....	Fairy tales.....	589	Otis.....	Toby Tyler.....	562
Henty.....	Under Drake's flag.....	560	Stoddard.....	Red mustang.....	541

BETWEEN 400 AND 500 TIMES.

Coolidge.....	What Katy did.....	450	Irving.....	Six girls.....	482
Chatterbox.....	.....	420	Lamb.....	Tales from Shakespeare...	480
Eggleston.....	First book in American		Trowbridge.....	Cudjo's cave.....	482
	history.....	403	Wyss.....	Swiss family Robinson.....	452
Henty.....	Redskin and cowboy.....	420			

BETWEEN 300 AND 400 TIMES.

Alcott.....	Garland for girls.....	362	Meade.....	World of girls.....	331
Burnett.....	Little Lord Fauntleroy.....	341	Otis.....	Mr. Stubb's brother.....	362
Dodge.....	Donald and Dorothy.....	332		Tim and Tip.....	342
	Hans Brinker.....	331	Pratt.....	People and places.....	392
Henty.....	By sheer pluck.....	332	Scudder.....	Book of fables.....	361
	Dragon and the raven.....	390		Book of folk stories.....	387
	Facing death.....	332	Sidney.....	Five little Peppers.....	390
	Final reckoning.....	360	Stoddard.....	Talking leaves.....	360
	Lion of the north.....	390	Trowbridge.....	Doing his best.....	360
	Young buglers.....	332		His one fault.....	332
Laboulaye.....	Fairy tales.....	339		Jack Hazard.....	349
Lang.....	Blue fairy book.....	362		Phil and his friends.....	392
	Red fairy book.....	334		Pocket rifle.....	369
May.....	Doctor's daughter.....	336	Wide awake.....		308
Meade.....	Sweet girl graduate.....	332			

BETWEEN 200 AND 300 TIMES.

Alcott.....	Lulu's library.....	279	Henty.....	In the reign of terror.....	213
	Silver pitchers.....	284		In times of peril.....	268
Beard.....	American boys' handy			Lion of St. Mark.....	264
	book.....	277		St. George for England....	218
Brooks.....	Boy settlers.....	217		Through the fray.....	279
Burnett.....	Little St. Elizabeth.....	219		With Clive in India.....	243
Champlin.....	Young folks' encyclopæ-			With Cochrane the daunt-	
	dia.....	209		less.....	248
Champney.....	Six boys.....	271		With Wolfe in Canada.....	279
	Witch Winnie.....	209		Young colonists.....	278
Clark.....	Boy life in the U. S. navy..	219	Lang.....	Green fairy book.....	242
	Joe Bently.....	216	Lillie.....	Squire's daughter.....	242
Clemens.....	Prince and pauper.....	297	Marryat.....	Masterman Ready.....	277
Coffin.....	Following the flag.....	242	May.....	Our Helen.....	216
Coolidge.....	Clover.....	217	Munroe.....	Cab and caboose.....	207
	Cross patch.....	241		Camp mates.....	277
	Little country girl.....	217		Derrick Sterling.....	279
	Not quite eighteen.....	274		Fur seal's tooth.....	216
	What Katy did at school..	279	Otis.....	Left behind.....	279
	What Katy did next.....	216	Perry.....	Flock of girls.....	241
Cox.....	Brownies around the		Roe.....	Driven back to Eden.....	264
	world.....	279	Sidney.....	Five little Peppers grown	
Dickens.....	Child's history of England	248		up.....	279
Douglas.....	Nelly Kinnard's kingdom	217		Five little Peppers mid-	
	Seven daughters.....	279		way.....	277
Eggleston.....	Capt. Sam.....	248	Smith.....	One hundred famous	
	Hoosier school-boy.....	217		Americans.....	248
Harper's young people.....	219	Stoddard.....	Crowded out o' Crowfield.	249
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Adler, Cyrus, Washington, D. C.....	...	1	Atlanta, Ga. Board of Education.....	...	5
Aguilar Free Library. N. Y. City.....	...	6	— University	2
Alabama. Agricultural Experiment Station.....	...	94	Austin, J. W. Providence, R. I.....	1	...
— Board of Managers of Convicts.....	...	2	Baillie's Institution. Glasgow, Scotland.....	...	1
— Dept. of Agriculture..	...	6	Balch, J. W. Philadelphia..	1	...
— Geological Survey.....	1	3	Baldwin, G. H. Pasadena, Cal.....	1	...
— Treasurer .....	...	1	Baltimore. Board of Commissioners of Public Schools.....	...	1
Albany. Board of Public Instruction.....	...	1	— Mayor.....	8	...
American Academy of Dramatic Arts.....	...	2	— Social Settlement.....	...	1
— Antiquarian Society....	...	3	Bangor, Me. Public Library	...	1
— Baptist Publication Society.....	2	...	Barnes, O. M. Lansing, Mich.....	...	1
— Book Co.....	21	...	Barnes Medical College. St. Louis.....	...	1
— Colonial Tracts.....	...	1	Bath, Eng. Mayor.....	1	...
— Congregational Society...	3	31	Bear, H. B. Preston, Ohio..	2	31
— Forestry Association.....	...	5	Beck, J. M.....	...	2
— Humane Association.....	...	30	Belfast, Ireland. Free Public Library.....	...	1
— Institute of Electrical Engineers.....	1	...	Bellevue Hospital Medical College, N. Y.....	...	35
— Institute of Homeopathy	1	...	Ben Adhem House. Boston..	...	1
— Laryngological Assoc....	1	...	Berle, A. A. Boston.....	...	25
— Oriental Society.....	1	...	Berlin. Magistrats.....	...	1
— Physicians and Surgeons.....	1	...	Bermondsey Settlement. London.....	...	1
— Proportional Representation League.....	...	10	Bernd, L. St. Louis .....	...	2
— Publishing House. Louisville, Ky.....	1	5	Bible Institute. Chicago...	1	...
— Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals...	...	1	Bigelow Free Public Library. Clinton, Mass.....	...	1
— Society of Naval Engineers.....	...	1	Birkenhead, Eng. Free Public Library.....	1	1
— Unitarian Association..	...	8	Birmingham, Eng. School Board.....	1	...
Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.....	...	1	Birney, W. Washington, D. C.....	1	...
Anderson Intelligencer, Anderson, S. C.....	...	1	Blackburn, J. E. Columbus, O.....	...	1
Andover House Association, Boston.....	...	4	Blackburn, Eng. Free Library.....	...	1
Andover Theological Seminary. Andover, Mass..	...	1	Blair, James L. St. Louis..	...	2
Anonymous.....	8	10	Blanchard, G. W. N. Y. City	...	1
Archaeological Institute of America.....	...	12	Boatmen's Bank. St. Louis	1	...
Arizona. Agricultural Experiment Station.....	...	17	Bolton, Eng. Public Free Library.....	...	1
— School of Mines.....	...	8	Boogher, I. St. Louis....	...	2
Arkansas. Bureau of Mines.....	1	1	Bootle, Eng. Free Library..	...	2
— Secretary of State.....	1	3	Boston. Associated Charities	...	8
Association for Public Control of Franchises. N. Y. City.....	...	2	— Asylum and Farm School	...	7
Association of Military Surgeons of U. S.....	...	1	— Benevolent Fraternity of Churches.....	...	1
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			— Board of Municipal Statistics.....	...	1
			— Board of Overseers of the Poor.....	...	5

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— Bunker Hill Monument			— sioners.....	3	1
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— Chamber of Commerce	1	...	— Insane.....	2	...
— Children's Aid Society..	...	7	— Railroad Commissioners	1	1
— Children's Hospital....	...	12	— Secretary of State.....	3	2
— City Auditor.....	1	...	— State Board of		
— City Hospital.....	...	2	— Equalization.....	...	2
— City Registry Dept....	1	...	— State Board of Fish		
— Club of Odd Volumes...	...	1	— Commissioners.....	...	1
— Epworth League House			— State Board of		
— Settlement.....	...	4	— Horticulture.....	4	8
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— Charities.....	...	1	— Directors.....	10	8
— Health Dept.....	3	1	— State Board of Trade...	...	4
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Bowdoin College. Brunswick,			— Commissioner of Crown		
— Me.....	...	5	— Lands.....	...	3
Bowne, J. T. Springfield,			— Customs Dept.....	...	1
— Mass.....	...	7	— Dept. of Agriculture...	1	...
Breslau. Handelskammer...	...	1	— Dept. of Indian Affairs..	1	1
Bridgeport, Conn. Public			— Dept. of Inland Revenues	...	8
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— Trade.....	...	1	— Geological Survey.....	2	2
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Bronson Library. Waterbury,			— Minister of Public		
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Brookline, Mass. Public			— Postoffice Dept.....	2	4
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Brooklyn. Board of			— Supt. of Insurance.....	1	...
— Education.....	...	1	Carpenter, G. O. St. Louis..	2	...
— Civil Service Commission	...	1	Carpenter, Mrs. C. G. St.		
— Health Dept.....	3	6	— Louis.....	...	3
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ARTHUR LEE	1898
T. A. MEYSENBURG	1899
JOHN A. NIES	1900
THOS. O'REILLY, M. D.	1899
EDWARD L. PRETORIUS	1899
VACANCY	1900

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BOOK.

Messrs. O'REILLY and LEE. Vacancy.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

JUNE, 1899—MAY, 1900.

	Term Expires.
BENJAMIN EISEMAN	1900
F. W. LEHMANN.....	1901
WM. MAFFITT	1901
T. A. MEYSENBURG.....	1902
JOHN A. NIES.....	1900
EDWARD L. PREETORIUS	1902
ELLIS WAINWRIGHT.....	1900
Two vacancies filled in October, 1899, by the appointment of	
O'NEILL RYAN	1902
JOHN F. LEE	1901

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LIBRARY STAFF.

MAY, 1899.

Librarian.....FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN.

Assistant Librarian.....JOSEPH F. LANGTON.

JONATHAN W. GEORGE.....	Second Assistant—Issue Department.
SULA WAGNER.....	Chief Cataloguer.
MRS. L. SPECK.....	General Assistant.
HENRY F. WOODS.....	Superintendent of Delivery Stations.
PIERCE B. BARNARD.....	Shelf Curator.
EDWARD BATES.....	Assistant Shelf Curator.
MRS. M. MYERS.....	Superintendent Reading Room.
JULIA KRUG.....	Superintendent Juvenile Department.
ALICE FICHTENKAM.....	Reference Department.
MABEL MARVIN.....	Assistant Cataloguer.
SYLVIA M. ALLEN.....	Issue Clerk.
ELSE MILLER.....	Accountant.
CELESTE SPECK.....	Registration Clerk.
ROSA M. LEEPER.....	Pamphlets.
KATHARINE T. MOODY.....	Assistant Cataloguer.
HELEN TUTT.....	Cataloguing Department.
CLARA R. DEAN.....	Junior Clerk.
EDMUND J. McMAHON.....	Junior Clerk.
JOSEPH BRANNIGAN.....	Junior Clerk.
JOHN L. PARKER.....	Junior Clerk.
LESTER BERND.....	Junior Clerk.

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W. B. A. TAYLOR. LULA M. WESCOAT.

MESSENGERS.

JAMES HACKETT.	CARL ALTHANS.
M. M. GLAUBER.	RICHARD ULRICH.
LEE HILDEBRAND.	

BINDER.

JOSIE SHEEHAN.

JANITORS.

R. KEDGE.....	Janitor.	T. WEST.....	Assistant.
MRS. M. DETWEILER.....	Assistant.	WESLEY THOMAS.....	Assistant.
ANNIE KRUEGER.....		Assistant.	

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
ST. LOUIS PUBLIC (FREE) LIBRARY.

ST. LOUIS, MO., April 20th, 1900.

To Hon. Henry Ziegenhein, Mayor of St. Louis:

DEAR SIR :—In making report for the year ending April 30th, 1899, the Board of Directors of the Public Library have little occasion to do more than call attention to the report of the Librarian for the same period. This report, which is submitted herewith, shows in detail the receipts and expenditures of the Board, the present state of its finances, and the administration of the Library.

The destruction by fire of a number of the buildings on the ground heretofore purchased as a site for a library building, materially reduced for a time the income of the Board. The money received on account of insurance was applied to a reduction of the incumbrance upon the property, and this having been further reduced by payments made from time to time, the saving on interest account has fully offset the loss of revenue occasioned by the fire.

A new lease of the Library quarters has been made with the School Board, at a rent of twenty-five hundred dollars per year less than the former rate.

The number of books has been increased, new delivery stations have been established, and the usefulness of the Library has been augmented by all the means within the power of the Board.

It is gratifying to note that every extension of the facilities of the Library has been met by an increased use of them. More people are availing themselves of its advantages than ever before.

The large incumbrance upon the property of the Board, with the interest charge it entails, materially reduces the revenues available for administration purposes; but this incumbrance is being steadily, though slowly, reduced, with a consequent steady, though slow, improvement of the Board's finances.

The one thing essential to make the Library the beneficent agency it is capable of being, is an appropriate building of its own. If the ground now occupied by the Exposition building could be acquired, it would be a long step toward securing the building. This ground belongs to the city. It was in part bought for, and in part dedicated to, park purposes. It should not be permitted to be used for purposes of private gain or advantage. Consistently with its uses as a park, a public library may be constructed and maintained upon it. We believe that public opinion is decidedly in favor of the city's resuming this tract of land and restoring it to appropriate public uses. We sincerely trust that the proper steps may be taken to bring about this desirable result.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. LEHMANN,
President of the Board.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public Library:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my sixth annual report as Librarian, for the year ending April 30, 1899.

During the year 7,896 volumes were added to the collection, of which 1,871 were gifts; more than 12,000 new readers were registered; four new delivery stations were established, making a total of 38; the home issue increased to 698,339 volumes; and the total issue fell little short of the million mark.

FINANCES.

The following table exhibits in detail the receipts and expenditures. Some points in the financial record of the year deserve special attention; and other items of interest will be better understood if restated in another form. The essential facts are as follows:—

The revenue from the city tax of one-fifth of a mill was \$71,340.13, an increase of \$3,701.68 over the previous year.

The desk receipts (chiefly from fines and the issue of extra volumes) amounted to \$3,901.72, an increase of \$61.86 over the previous year.

Rentals from real estate amounted to \$12,328.55; and during the year payments were made on real estate aggregating \$88,347.95. Of this sum, \$40,000 (of which \$39,552.72 was insurance on five buildings burned) was a principal payment on the new building site. On this account, also, two interest notes were paid to the St. Louis Trust Co. amounting to \$19,776.25. Final payments of \$15,450 to the Lumsden heirs and \$8,586 to D. Nugent were made on the S. E. corner of Locust and 17th Sts. Additional expenses connected with the real estate purchase and the fire were \$1,367.51 paid to the Trust Co. for title investigations and conveyancing, \$1,978.70 to J. D. Fitzgibbon for wrecking burned buildings, \$1,008.21 for repairs on property and commissions for rent collection, and \$181.18 for miscellaneous expenses. A detailed statement of the payments made on real estate purchases up to January, 1899, was included in my last annual report.

The total expenditure for maintenance was \$55,811.21, which is \$2,640.69 less than that of the previous year.

The cost of quarters occupied appears under seven items in the table of expenditures: Rent, light, elevator salaries, elevator power, elevator Sundays and holidays, fuel Sundays and holidays, and water. The sum of these was \$10,655.56. This included light, power, and elevator salaries for 13 months. By the terms of the new lease, which took effect March 1, 1899, all these items are included in a gross rental of \$7,500 a year. This is a saving of, in a round sum, \$2,500 a year. It is also a saving in the trouble of keeping so many different accounts.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 10, 1899.

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To bal. in City Treas., April 11, 1898.....	\$ 5,692 49	
Collections, April 11, 1898—April 10, 1899.....	71,340 13	
		\$77,032 62
Bal. in Bank Fund, April 11, 1898.....		14,700 70
Bal. in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1898.....		96 23
Collection of Duplicates		
Cards sold.....	711 85	
Magazines sold.....	44 73	
		756 58
Fines.....	2,514 68	
Books sold, lost and paid for.....	165 80	
Catalogues.....	203 25	
Lost cards.....	194 04	
Postal cards, (for books reserved).....	17 67	
Miscellaneous.....	49 70	
Total desk receipts,		3,901 72
Rent (from property bought in April, 1898)		12,328 55
Interest.....		476 24
Boiler sold.....		75 00
Wreckage.....		115 00
Insurance.....		39,552 72
Total.....		148,278 78

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By salaries.....		24,762 26
Books, Main Collection.....	6,101 13	
Collection of Duplicates.....	213 06	
Binding.....	5,525 65	
Periodicals.....	1,115 47	
		12,955 31
Building (real estate purchased).....	88,347 95	
Rent.....	5,416 66	
Light.....	1,979 34	
Elevator salary.....	1,462 50	
Elevator power.....	1,282 89	
Elevator (Sundays and holidays)	333 02	
Fuel (Sundays and holidays)	103 15	
Water.....	78 00	
Insurance, Library.....	\$ 558 75	
" Real estate.....	902 15	
	1,460 90	100,954 70
Expense.		
Printing and Stationery.....	2,226 54	
Advertising.....	463 68	
Delivery Stations.....	1,725 50	
Postage.....	252 46	
Expense.....	729 87	
Supplies.....	88 84	
		5,486 89
Total expenditures (including real estate investment).....		144,159 16
Bal. in Bank Fund, April 12, 1899.....		1,575 59
Bal. in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1899.....		76 07
Bal. in City Treasury Fund, April 10, 1899.....		2,467 96
		\$148,278 78

REGISTRATION.

The total registration up to April 30, 1898, was 46,636. Additions to April 30, 1899, brought up the total to 58,951. Details are given in the following table :—

Registration to April 30, 1898.....	46,636	
Additions to April 30, 1899	12,315	
Total registration to April 30, 1899.....		58,951
Expired.....	12,357	
Less re-registered	4,095	8,262
Net registration		50,689
Men.....	12,578	
Women	14,733	
Children	23,299	
Institutions	79	
Net registration.....		50,689
Cancelled	281	
Guarantors withdrawn.....	454	
Held for fines	3,000	3,735
Total cards in force.....		46,954
	Extra cards.	Teachers' cards.
Issued to April 30, 1898.....	3,765	915
Additions to April 10, 1899	1,481	293
Total	5,246	1,208

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The demands on our maintenance fund for payments on the building site necessarily cut down the book fund from the time the first real estate investment was made. The purchases for the year numbered 5,579 volumes. Adding to this periodicals and pamphlets bound and gifts to the number of 1,871 volumes, we have a total of 7,896 volumes catalogued and placed on the shelves. Deductions for books worn out, lost and paid for, etc., leave a net increase of 6,157 volumes. Full particulars appear in the following tables :

ADDITIONS FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1899.

Classes.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy.....	78	.....	78
Religion.....	134	.....	134
Social Science.....	1,177	.....	1,177
Natural Science.....	757	.....	757
Art and Poetry.....	430	.....	430
Fiction.....	1,231	451	1,682
Juvenile Literature.....	2,685	.....	2,685
Literary Miscellany.....	184	.....	184
Travels and History.....	409	.....	409
Cyclopædias and Periodicals.....	360	.....	360
	7,445	451	7,896

Source.			
Purchase	5,128	451	5,579
Gift	1,871	.....	1,871
Pamphlets, bound	28	.....	28
Periodicals, bound	418	.....	418
	<hr/> 7,445	<hr/> 451	<hr/> 7,896
Language.			
English	7,056	451	7,507
French	143	.....	143
German	132	.....	132
Other	14	.....	14
	<hr/> 7,445	<hr/> 451	<hr/> 7,896

48 periodicals were purchased to complete sets.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Worn out and condemned		1,472
Lost and paid for		146
Sold, exchanged and returned to government		70
Charged to card-holders	46	
Drawn for use in reading room	5	51
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Total		1,739
Total additions		7,896
Less above		1,739
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Net increase		6,157

Of the 1,472 volumes worn out, 532 were replaced by new copies; and of the 146 lost and paid for, 70 were replaced.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONS.

While the greater part of our book fund has of necessity been devoted to meeting the demand for popular books, and in particular the wants of the increasing number of juvenile readers, the interests of students and the more serious class of readers have not been overlooked. Many volumes of solid and enduring worth have been added to the collection.

The following list will serve to illustrate the character of the more costly purchases of the year:

AMERICAN Philosophical Soc. Transactions. 36v. O.
 BIRD, G. W. Wanderings in Burma.
 BROOKE, S. A. History of early English literature. 2v.
 BROTHERS, A. Photography.
 BROWNE, J. C. Lambeth Palace.
 BROWNING, R. and E. Letters. 2v.
 BRUGMANN, K. Comparative grammar of the Indo-Germanic languages.
 v. 3-4 and index.
 CENTURY atlas of the world.
 CHILD, F. J. English and Scottish popular ballads. 5v. Q.
 COOK, Capt. Journal during his first voyage round the world.
 CRAWFORD, F. M. Ave Roma immortalis. 2v.
 DONKIN, B. The heat efficiency of steam boilers.

- ELLIOTT, C. W. Book of American interiors.
 FERGUSSON, J. The Parthenon.
 FORD, P. L., *ed.* Essays on the constitution of the U. S.
 GORHAM, G. C. Life and public services of Edwin M. Stanton. 2v.
 GRIFFITHS, T. M. Non-secret formulas.
 HAMERTON, P. G. Drawing and engraving.
 HARPER'S dictionary of classical literature and antiquities.
 HASTINGS, J., *and others.* Dictionary of the Bible. v. 1.
 HEDIN, S. Through Asia. 2v.
 IRISH monthly magazine. 23v. O.
 JEFFERSON, T. Writings; ed. by P. L. Ford. v. 9.
 JOHNSON, B. E. Atlas of St. Louis County.
 KING, C. R. Life and correspondence of Rufus King. v. 5.
 LANDOR, A. H. S. In the forbidden land. 2v.
 LARPENTEUR, C. Forty years a fur trader. 2v.
 LODGE, H. C. The story of the Revolution. 2v.
 LOW, S., *pub.* English catalogue of books. 1890-97.
 MCCARTHY, J. Story of Gladstone's life.
 MACEY, F. W. Specifications in detail.
 MENDELEEFF, D. Principles of chemistry. 2v. O.
 MONROE, J. Writings. v. 2.
 MOSES, J. Illinois. 2v.
 MUNRO, R. The lake dwellings of Europe.
 NANSEN, F. Farthest north. 2v.
 PEABODY Inst. Library. 2d catalogue. v. 3.
 PEARY, R. E. Northward over the great ice. 2v. O.
 PHIPSON, C. B. The redemption of labour. 2v.
 PRATT, A. T. C. People of the period.
 RAND, McNally & Co.'s enlarged business atlas and shippers' guide. 29th ed.
 REVUE encyclopédique. 1891-98. 8v.
 SUFFOLK and Berkshire, *Earl of.* Encyclopædia of sport. 2v.
 TAVERNIER, J. B. Travels in India. 2v.
 THOMPSON, S. P. Dynamo-electric machinery.
 THUE, W. C. A B C universal telegraphic code. O.
 TOYNBEE, P. Dictionary of Dante.
 TREITSCHKE, H. v. Politik. 2v.
 VONDEL. Lucifer; tr. by C. Van Noppen.
 WEBB, S. *and B.* Industrial democracy. 2v.
 WILKINS, W. H. Romance of Isabel, Lady Burton. 2v.
 WOODBURY, W. E. Encyclopædic dictionary of photography.
 ZEITSCHRIFT für Criminal-Anthropologie.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

The donations and exchanges show the unprecedented total of 2,492 volumes and 8,490 pamphlets. These came from 1,508 sources, a list of which is given in an appendix. The steady increase in the receipts from this source is the result of systematic and persistent effort. Much greater returns could be obtained through exchanges if we had room for the orderly arrangement of our duplicate books and pamphlets. Piled on the floor and stowed away in corners, much material that would bring valuable exchanges is wholly unavailable.

During the year we returned to the U. S. Superintendent of Public Documents 761 volumes and 43 pamphlets, and sent 100 volumes and 36 pamphlets to foreign and 24 volumes and 11 pamphlets to domestic exchanges, making a total of 892 volumes and 90 pamphlets.

Among the more notable gifts of the year were 19 volumes and 62 pamphlets, chiefly Jewish literature, from the late Isidor Bush; a complete set of bound volumes of the St. Louis Tageblatt from the editor, Dr. A. Hepner; 16 volumes of Directories of the principal cities of the United States from Mr. D. B. Gould; a beautiful folio, "Le Musée National à Amsterdam," from the Consul General of the Netherlands; 14 important publications of the government of New South Wales, from the N. S. W. Public Library; 10 volumes of the Index, from Mr. F. M. Holland, Concord, Mass.; and the regular annual addition to the McAnally Collection from Dr. D. R. McAnally.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The inventory recently completed, the result of which will appear in my next report, will furnish a basis for a more accurate statement of the contents of the Library than can be given now. Based on the inventory of 1897, the following table shows approximately the

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, APRIL 30, 1899.

Classes.	Main Coll.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy	1,378	.....	1,378
Religion	4,825	.....	4,825
Social Science	17,269	.....	17,269
Natural Science.....	16,162	4	16,166
Art and Poetry.....	7,100	7	7,107
Fiction	23,623	1,662	25,285
Juvenile Literature.....	20,602	2	20,604
Literary Miscellany	6,252	16	6,268
Geography and History.....	15,223	14	15,237
Cyclopædias and Magazines.....	11,023	4	11,027
Total.....	123,457	1,709	125,166
Unentered duplicates and books and periodicals not yet catalogued, (about)			5,500
			130,666
Deducting books worn out, lost and paid for, etc.....			1,739
Total estimated contents of the Library, April 30, 1899.....			128,927

BINDING.

Besides periodicals and collections of pamphlets, a number of books received in paper covers were bound, making a total of 1,450 volumes bound for the first time, at an average cost of 55 cents per volume.

11,719 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$4,978.08, or an average of 42 cents.

A new contract made in February gives a somewhat lower scale of prices and excludes all charge for replacing pockets. On our present amount of binding this will effect a saving of four or five hundred dollars a year.

Besides these volumes bound or rebound by contract, 8,949 volumes

were repaired in the Library at a cost of \$332.96 for wages and material, an average of four cents per volume. This repair work lessens considerably the amount of rebinding. It includes various grades from patching or replacing a few leaves to providing new covers for a volume. Of the total, 174 volumes were thus practically rebound.

CIRCULATION.

The number of books issued for home reading increased from 647,171 to 698,339, a gain of 51,138, or 7.42 per cent; while the total issue increased from 920,500 to 959,854. The daily average issue in all departments (on week-days) was 3,096. The average Sunday issue was 295. The largest issue in one day was 5,646 on Monday, Feb. 27; the smallest, 1,760, on Thursday, Oct. 20. Full details appear in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1899.

	HOME ISSUE.				LIBRARY ISSUE.		
	Main Library.	Delivery Stations.	Schools.	Total.	Library.	Reading Room.	Total
May.....	32043	18995	6058	57096	5951	16427	79474
June.....	29438	15667	932	46037	4188	12956	63181
July.....	32487	13320	.....	45807	3759	10389	59955
August.....	32861	13207	.....	46086	4277	9380	59725
September.....	32282	16802	.....	49084	4823	14207	68114
October.....	35172	13134	.....	48306	5584	15074	68964
November.....	36849	14483	13410	64742	5856	16988	87586
December.....	36492	15435	15816	67743	5446	19248	92437
January.....	40386	16049	9642	66077	6610	20730	93417
February.....	41171	18365	10007	69543	6837	19924	96304
March.....	42920	23478	6294	72692	7296	22658	102646
April.....	37659	21466	6019	65144	5105	17802	88051
Total, 1898-'99.....	429760	200401	68178	698339	65732	195783	959854
Total, 1897-'98.....	434811	166117	46243	647171	69070	204259	920500
Gain.....	.....	34284	21935	51138	.....	.....	39354
Loss.....	5051	.....	.....	.....	3338	8476	.....
Per cent. of gain.....	.....	.....	.....	7.42	.....	.....	4.11

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue.	Per Cent.
Philosophy.....	3380	.48	1366	2.08	4746	.62
Religion.....	3533	.51	2095	3.19	5628	.73
Social Science.....	7497	.08	5015	7.62	12512	1.63
Natural Science.....	12901	1.85	6922	10.56	19823	2.60
Art.....	6721	.96	3966	6.03	10687	1.40
Poetry.....	10028	1.43	3933	5.90	13961	1.80
Fiction.....	363251	52.01	12780	19.44	376031	49.21
Juvenile.....	245262	35.27	1307	1.97	246569	32.27
Literary Miscellany.....	11194	1.60	4838	7.35	16032	2.10
Travels.....	8396	1.20	8512	5.34	11908	1.55
History.....	9556	1.37	3733	5.67	13289	1.73
Biography.....	8829	1.26	5362	8.18	14191	1.85
Cyclopædias and Magazines.....	6791	.98	10903	6.58	17694	2.21
Total.....	698339	100.00	65732	100.00	764071	100.00

DELIVERY STATIONS AND DEPOSITORIES.

By the addition of four new stations the number of delivery stations was increased to 38. With the exception of three, these are all located in drug stores, the proprietors of which find their compensation for the service in the custom thus attracted to their stores. Besides these stations nineteen Sunday-schools were supplied with collections of books ranging from 30 to 300 volumes. There were also six other depositories with from 40 to 175 volumes. A complete list of stations and depositories, together with the circulation through each, will be found in an appendix.

Readers may secure all the privileges of the circulating department without coming to the Library. During the year 6,278 persons registered through the delivery stations. The total circulation through the stations and depositories was 268,579, an increase of 56,219 over the previous year. The items were as follows:—

Stations.	
Home issue	181,124
Supplementary reading to public schools...	72,738
Sunday-schools.....	14,717
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	268,579

SUPPLEMENTARY READING IN THE SCHOOLS.

In addition to the circulation through stations and depositories, the use of books was extended by a system of traveling libraries in the public schools. By the middle of the year we had 209 sets of books, numbering 6,167 volumes, passing from one school to another in accordance with a systematic plan. These books, selected with the aid of a committee of principals, were nearly all for the first four grades. Each box contained 30 copies of a book adapted to a certain grade, and was kept six weeks by each school and then passed on to the next school on the prearranged list. Towards the end of the year, *i. e.*, March 1st, 1899, a change of plan was adopted. It was found that some principals and teachers did not care for the books and allowed the boxes to lie unopened, while others were eager to get them. Instead, therefore, of starting the boxes on a regular round, they are kept till called for, and a list of the sets on hand is sent each month to every principal. This work could be greatly extended if we had funds to buy the necessary books. Thus far we have not been able to supply even the lowest grades, though a few sets have been provided for the seventh and eighth grades. Up to the close of the year only 26 schools had used the books to any extent. They were the following:—

Arlington, Bates, Benton, Carondelet, Carr, Chouteau, Charless, Clay, Clinton, Columbia, Cote Brillante, Divoll, Dozier, Dumas, Elleardville, Fremont, Gratiot, Hodgen, Meramec, Marquette, Mt. Pleasant, Penrose, Stoddard, Walnut Park, Webster, Wheatley.

The Library was open every day in the year. The figures for Sunday and holiday issue, maximum and minimum issue and daily averages will be found in the following summaries; also the issue on each of the five legal holidays. Local and occasional holidays are not included, as they differ but little from other days.

SUMMARIES.

	1897-98	1898-99
Home issue, main library	630,256	683,224
Home issue, coll. of duplicates	16,915	15,115
Total home issue.....	647,171	698,339
		647,171
Gain in home issue		51,168
Library issue, reference included.....	69,070	65,732
	65,732	
Gain in library issue	3,338	
Total issue of books.....	716,241	764,071
Reading room issue.....	204,259	195,783
Total issue in all departments	920,500	959,854
Gain in 1898-1899		39,454

Largest week day issue, Monday,
Feb. 27, 1899.

Desk issue.....	2,759
Juvenile department..	561
Delivery stations.....	1,271
Total home issue	4,591
Reading room issue....	838
Reference room issue.	130
Library use.....	87
Total library issue	1,055
Total.....	5,646

Smallest week day issue, Thursday,
Oct. 20, 1898.

Desk issue	628
Juvenile department..	119
Delivery stations	378
Total home issue	1,125
Reading room issue....	495
Reference room issue.	65
Library issue.....	75
Total library issue	635
Total.....	1,760

Largest Sunday issue, March 5,
1899.

Reading-room issue	418
Library issue.....	116
Total.....	534

Smallest Sunday issue, August 28,
1898.

Reading-room.....	103
Library use	21
Total.....	124

Average Sunday issue.

Library issue.....	55
Reading-room	240
Total.....	295

Total Sunday issue.

Library issue.....	2,981
Reading-room.....	13,009
Total.....	15,990

Average daily issue.

Home issue	2,253
Library issue.....	181
Reading-room issue	525
Total.....	2,959

Average week-day issue.

Home issue	2,253
Library issue.....	212
Reading-room issue	631
Total.....	3,096

HOLIDAY ISSUE.

	Home Issue.	Library.	Reading Room.	Total.
Decoration Day	1,709	164	642	2,515
Fourth of July	65	19	124	208
Labor Day	1,392	121	480	1,993
Election Day	986	163	574	1,723
Thanksgiving Day.....	1,375	92	553	2,020
Christmas Day.....	152	86	376	614
New Year's Day.....	533	96	677	1,306
Washington's Birthday.....	2,539	284	815	3,638
Total.....	8,751	1,025	4,241	14,017
Average holiday issue.....	1,094	128	530	1,752

MISCELLANEOUS WORK OF THE CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

9,191 first and 2,370 second notices were sent for books overdue, and 99 guarantors were notified.

28,256 new book cards were written to replace those filled.

Of the 698,339 volumes issued during the year, 46 books were charged to card holders and not returned, and 19 were lost through the delivery stations—a total of 65, or less than one in 100,000 books issued. There were also four books drawn for library use and not returned.

READING ROOM.

No account can be kept of the visitors to the newspaper reading-room. The record of periodicals drawn for use in the general reading-room shows a total of 195,783. The two reading-rooms are supplied with 580 newspapers and periodicals. Of these, 360 are donations, which are duly listed in an appendix. There are 39 daily and 28 weekly newspapers. The list of periodicals is made up of 465 American publications, 27 English, 14 German, 5 French, 1 Italian and 1 Polish.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

The wisdom of taking for the use of children the room formerly containing the medical collection has been fully approved. Every afternoon and all day Saturday it is thronged with boys and girls eagerly examining books on the shelves, selecting volumes to carry home and sitting at the tables reading books or magazines. The room has been made more attractive and good reading stimulated by a number of picture charts and lists in connection with the birthdays of great men,—statesmen, artists, poets, etc. These lists, with Thanksgiving and Christmas lists, have been sent to the public schools. Numerous lists of books adapted to the various grades, books to be used in connection with the study of the geography and history of the principal countries of the world, have also been supplied to the schools and given out to parents and children at the Library.

Miss Krug, in charge of the Juvenile Department, visited a number of the schools with a view to finding out their wants and getting into closer touch with the teachers. All the schools within a small radius of the Library make constant use of its privileges. Teachers from these schools have expressed in the warmest terms their appreciation of its helpfulness to them in their arduous work. Many of the children are of foreign parentage, Polish and Russian Jews, Germans, Italians, French, etc. : these children by reading many books, grasp English more quickly than formerly, and soon gain a better vocabulary and better power of expression. But the moral effect is the chief benefit. The reading of attractive books gives an interest that nothing else can supply. Interest is the first essential of acquirement and the foundation of good order. Not only do children who read much, progress more rapidly in their studies, but in those schools where most reading is done there is least friction between teacher and pupils. The principal in whose school the greatest time and attention are given to collateral, or general, reading, tells me that his teachers give no thought to discipline. That takes care of itself. The children are all so interested that they have little disposition for "mischief"—the name we give to the natural activity of a child, which, denied a healthful, seeks a harmful form of expression. Heretofore the whole issue of the Juvenile collection has appeared in the general table under that head. This year, for the first time, a record was kept by classes, which appears as follows :

JUVENILE ISSUE, MAY, 1898, TO MAY, 1899.

May.....	7,818	CLASSIFIED JUVENILE ISSUE.		
June	6,854			
July.....	7,175			
August.....	7,722	Issue. Per Cent.		
September.....	5,783	Fiction	80,200	86.57
October	7,119	Science	4,959	5.23
November	8,103	Literature ..	1,206	1.30
December	7,461	Travel	1,917	2.07
January	8,364	History.....	2,800	3.02
February	7,988	Biography ..	1,563	1.69
March.....	9,794			
April.....	8,464			
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			92,645	100.00
Total.....	92,645			

READING LISTS.

The help and guidance and stimulus of reading lists has not been confined to public school pupils. All through the year a bulletin board was kept full of reading and reference lists. Every topic of popular interest was thus treated. Immediately upon the death of a distinguished man a list of books relating to him, together with books written by him, was hung up. All special occasions, such as Decoration Day, Arbor Day, Hallowe'en, etc., were treated in the same way. The entries on these lists, kept on cards, form a permanent subject index. The bulletin lists of this year were as follows :

more of its wealthy citizens embrace the opportunity to confer the highest of blessings on increasing thousands for untold generations?

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,

April 13, 1900.

Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. }

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1898, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

EDW. L. PREETORIUS,
Chairman Auditing Committee,
Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this twenty-first day of April, 1900.
(Seal.)

H. A. BERKEMEYER,
Notary Public.

My term expires June 10, 1902.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. }

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21st day of April, 1900.

(Seal.)

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE,
Notary Public.

My term expires March 14, 1901.

APPENDIX No. 1.

LIST OF DELIVERY STATIONS AND DEPOSITORIES WITH
THEIR ISSUE.

LIST OF DELIVERY STATIONS.

<i>Station.</i>	<i>Location.</i>	<i>Proprietor.</i>	<i>Delivery Days.</i>
1...	Garrison & Easton Aves	Garrison Pharmacy.....	Daily.
2...	Glasgow & St. Louis Aves	A. Vogelsang.....	Mon. & Thur.
3...	Grand & Natural Bridge Rd	A. J. Hoenny	Mon. & Thur.
4...	Cottage & Taylor Aves	Hahn's Pharmacy	Daily.
5...	East Grand & 20th St.....	Theo. H. Wurmb.....	Mon. & Thur.
6...	Salisbury & 11th St.....	Theo. H. Wurmb.....	Mon. & Thur.
7...	Madison & 11th St.....	Alf. W. Pauley	Mon. & Thur.
8...	Gravois & Arsenal Aves	B. Jost.....	Daily.
9...	Bates & Virginia Aves.....	Bates St. Pharmacy	Tues. & Fri.
10...	Park & Mississippi Aves	G. H. J. Andreas.....	Daily.
11...	6343 Michigan Ave.....	A. Dreisoerner	Tues. & Fri.
12...	Barton & Menard.....	Bendel's Pharmacy.....	Tues. & Fri.
13...	Broadway & Schirmer St.....	L. F. Waibel	Tues. & Fri.
14...	Pestalozzi & Salena Sts.....	Kaltwasser Drug Co.....	Daily.
15...	Meramec & Virginia Aves	R. C. Reilly	Tues. & Fri.
16...	Manchester & Tower Grove Aves.....	Chas. Lehmann	Wed. & Sat.
17...	Delmar Ave. & Sarah St.....	Delmar Ave. Pharmacy.....	Wed. & Sat.
18...	Cabanne Arcade	A. E. Suppiger.....	Wed. & Sat.
19...	Semple & Easton Aves	E. A. Bernius	Wed. & Sat.
20...	Marcus & Easton Aves	H. H. Temm & Son	Daily.
21...	Bayard Ave & Suburban tracks.....	Bayard Ave. Pharmacy.....	Wed. & Sat.
22...	Grand & Finney Aves.....	F. C. Garthoffner.....	Daily.
23...	Broadway & Keokuk St.....	R. S. Vitt	Daily.
24...	Compton & Park Aves.....	J. V. Fischer	Tues. & Fri.
25...	Lafayette & Nebraska Aves.....	Otto Sassmann	Daily.
26...	Union Station.....	Terminal Pharmacy	Tues. & Fri.
27...	Grand & Lindell Aves	D. A. Byrne.....	Wed. & Sat.
28...	Cheltenham.....	Jno. Goehring.....	Thursday.
29...	Benton & 22nd Sts.....	J. A. Fritz	Mon. & Thur.
30...	Jefferson & Cass Aves	Phoenix Pharmacy	Mon. & Thur.
31...	Grand Ave. & Shenandoah St.....	Wm. F. Ittner.....	Tues. & Fri.
32...	Boyle & Laclede Aves	Geo. W. Smith	Wed. & Sat.
33...	Goode & Easton Aves	F. M. Buch.....	Daily.
34...	Chouteau Ave. & 12th St.....	W. F. Angermueller	Tues. & Fri.
35...	Morgan Ford Rd. & Scanlan Ave.....	E. A. Schwenker	Tues. & Fri.
36...	4403 Natural Bridge Road	C. E. Hammond.....	Mon. & Thur.
37...	Broadway & Lami St.....	Paul A. Groene.....	Tues. & Fri.
38...	1807 N. Grand Ave.....	S. Thatcher	Mon. & Thur.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Name of School.	Number of Books Loaned.	Name of School.	Number of Books Loaned.
Beckville M. E	91	St. John's M. E.....	40
Bowman M. E.....	75	St. Philip's Episcopal	62
Church of the Messiah.....	125	Shaare Emeth.....	91
Church of the Redeemer.....	99	Trinity Episcopal.....	24
Compton Heights Christian.....	181	Union M. E.....	158
Cook Ave. Presbyterian.....	100	Other depositories.	
Delmar Ave. Baptist.....	104	Carondelet School.....	103
Ethical Sunday School.....	106	Fremont School.....	179
Fountain Pk. Congregational.....	248	Lindell Ry. Reading Club.....	100
Lafayette Park M. E.....	337	Purina Mills.....	50
McCausland Ave. Cong.....	29	Self Culture Club.....	40
Messiah Mission.....	95	Social Settlement League.....	81
Oak Hill Congregational.....	51		
Olivet Presbyterian.....	114		
			2,683

STATION ISSUE.

Station.	Total Issue.	Station.	Total Issue.
1.....	4,510	25.....	10,869
2.....	7,303	26.....	1,474
3.....	3,063	27.....	3,252
4.....	8,933	28.....	952
5.....	5,147	29.....	4,682
6.....	3,939	30.....	2,749
7.....	4,443	31.....	1,519
8.....	4,933	32.....	1,016
9.....	1,400	33.....	8,924
10.....	5,643	34.....	2,320
11.....	3,845	35.....	619
12.....	3,170	36.....	2,963
13.....	1,711	37.....	699
14.....	15,374	38.....	364
15.....	3,472	Power-houses.....	2,689
16.....	5,335	Second Baptist ..	6,005
17.....	3,332	Y. M. C. A.....	10
18.....	6,114		
19.....	4,577	Total.....	181,124
20.....	8,142	Suppl. reading..	68,178
21.....	3,173	S. S. Repts.....	12,185
22.....	11,981		
23.....	6,483	Total.....	261,487
24.....	3,256		

APPENDIX No. II.

DONATIONS MAY 1, 1898—APRIL 30, 1899.

2,492 volumes and 8,490 pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations from 1,508 sources, as follows :

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Aberdeen, <i>Scotland</i> . Public Li- brary .....	.....	1	American Postal Microscopical Club	21	
Adams, O. F. Boston.....	2		American Public Health Associa- tion	1	
Adler, C. Washington, <i>D. C.</i>	1		American Society of Civil Engi- neers	2	
Aguilar Free Library. N. Y. City..	25		American Unitarian Association..	3	
Alabama. Adjutant-General.....	1		Amherst College. Amherst, <i>Mass</i>	1	
— Agricultural Experiment Sta- tion	13		Andover Theological Seminary. Andover, <i>Mass</i>	1	
— Auditor.....	4		Anonymous	5	4
— Board of Managers of Con- victs	1		Anti-Imperialist League.....	13	
— Geological Survey.....	1		Arizona. Adjutant-General	7	
Alabama Industrial and Scientific Society	2		Arkansas. Bureau of Mines.....	1	
Alabama State Bar Association...	9		— Secretary of State.....	5	
Albert, Miss M. St. Louis.....	18		— Superintendent of Public In- struction.....	10	
Allen, C. C. St. Louis	1		Ashurst, R. L. Philadelphia.....	1	
American Academy of Political and Social Science.....	2		Association of Colleges and Pre- paratory Schools in the Mid- dle States and Maryland.....	10	
American Agriculturist Library. Springfield, <i>Mass</i>	1		Atlanta University. Atlanta. <i>Ga.</i>	1	
American Anti-Vivisection Society	15		Author's Club. N. Y. City	1	
American Association for the Ad- vancement of Physical Edu- cation	2		Baillie's Institution. Glasgow, <i>Scotland</i>	1	
American Association for the Ad- vancement of Science.....	1	6	Balch, T. W. Philadelphia.....	1	
Amer. Association for the Study and Cure of Inebriates.....	1		Ball, F. P. Baltimore	15	
American Association to Promote the teaching of Speech to the Deaf	1	19	Baltimore. Board of Trade.....	6	
American Banker's Association...	4		— City Library.....	1	
American Baptist Publication So- ciety	1		— Mayor	4	
American Bar Association.....	19		— Society for the Protection of Children	10	
American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.....	80		Bancroft Company. N. Y. City... ..	2	
American Book Company	27	1	Bangor, <i>Me.</i> Public Library.....	1	
American Climatological Associa- tion	1	1	Barnard, F. J. (& Co). Boston....	4	1
American Colonial Tracts	1		Barnard College. N. Y. City.....	2	
American Colonization Society.....	697		Barnes Medical College. St. Louis	1	
American Congregational Society	2		Batchellor, A. S. Concord. <i>N. H.</i> ..	1	
American Copyright League.....	2		Bates, E. St. Louis.....	46	
American Federation of Labor....	6		Belfast, <i>Ireland</i> . Free Public Li- brary	1	
American Humane Education So- ciety	2	8	Belgium. Dept. of Agriculture and Public Works.....	80	
American Institute of Architects..	9		— Dept. of Foreign Affairs.....	5	47
American Institute of Electrical Engineers	1		Belleville, <i>Ill.</i> Public Library	1	
American Institute of Homœo- pathy	1		Benton, J. H. Boston.....	1	
American Institute of Sacred Lit- erature	1	150	Berlin. Magistrats	1	1
American Irish Society.....	1		Bernd, H. St. Louis.....	1	
American Jewish Historical So- ciety	6		Bernd, L. St. Louis	10	
American Laryngological Asso- ciation	10		Bigelow Free Public Library. Clinton, <i>Mass</i>	1	
American Missionary Association..	70		Bingham, H. Littleton, <i>N. H.</i>	6	
American Museum of Natural His- tory.....	3		Birmingham, <i>Eng.</i> Free Libraries Committee.....	1	
American Numismatic and Arch- æological Society	1		Blackburn, <i>Eng.</i> Free Library.....	1	
American Park and Outdoor Art Association.....	2		Blair, A. St. Louis	2	
American Peace Society	2	88	Blair, J. L. St. Louis.....	1	
			Bolton, Mrs. S. K. Cleveland. <i>O.</i> ..	1	2
			Bolton, <i>Eng.</i> Public Free Library..	1	
			Bonaparte, O. J. Baltimore.....	1	
			Boston. Associated Charities.....	1	
			— Board of Overseers of the Poor.....	4	
			— Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
			— Children's Aid Society.....	1	
			— City Auditor.....	3	
			— City Registry Dept.....	1	
			— Dept. of Parks.....	1	

	Vols.	Ppms.		Vols.	Ppms.
— Dispensary	1	.....	— Minister of Public Works.....	1	.....
— Home for Aged Women.....	41	.....	— Post Office Dept.....	2	5
— Immigration Restriction			Cannon, G. Q. & Sons. Salt Lake		
League	15	.....	City.....	1	1
— Improved Dwelling Associa-			Carlsruhe. Bibliothek des Poly-		
tion	1	.....	technicums	4	.....
— Industrial Aid Society.....	5	.....	Carnegie Free Library. Allegheny,		
— Industrial School for Crippled			Pa	1	.....
and Deformed Children.....	1	.....	Carnegie Library. Homestead, Pa		
— Museum of Fine Arts.....	1	.....	.....	1	.....
— Provident Association.....	9	.....	Carnegie Library. Pittsburgh, Pa		
— Public Library.....	1	14	.....	13	.....
— Public School Art League.....	1	.....	Carpenter, Mrs. C. G. St. Louis...	1	10
— School Committee.....	23	.....	Cartan, D. L. St. Louis	3	.....
— South End House	4	.....	Cedar Rapids, Ia. Free Public Li-		
— Women's Educational and In-			brary	2	.....
dustrial Union.....	10	.....	Central Conference of American		
— Young Men's Christian Union..	2	4	Rabbis. Chicago	1	.....
Boston Anti-Imperialist Meeting...	1	.....	Century Theatre. St. Louis	1	.....
Boston Book Company	6	.....	Charles, B. H. Clayton, Mo.....	1	.....
Bostonian Society	1	.....	Charleston, S. C. Mayor.....	2	1
Bowdoin College. Brunswick, Me			Charlton, J. Ottawa, Can.....	4	.....
Boyd, Mrs. W. W. St. Louis.....	1	.....	Chauvenet, W. M. St. Louis.....	14	132
Brackett, B. B. Washington, D. C.			Chicago. Academy of Sciences...	1	.....
Bradley, Mrs. G. J. St. Louis.....	1	.....	— Armour Institute of Tech-		
Brandenberger, W. A. St. Louis..	3	.....	nology	1	.....
Brasse, A. St. Louis	1	.....	— Board of Trade.....	1	.....
Breslau. Handelskammer.....	1	.....	— Civil Service Commissioner...	1	.....
Brett, W. H. Cleveland, O.....	1	.....	— College of Law.....	2	.....
Bridgeport, Conn. Public Library			— Dept. of Health.....	8	.....
Brinley heirs. Hartford, Conn....	10	.....	— Historical Society.....	1	.....
Bristol, Eng. Public Library.....	1	.....	— Mayor	2	.....
British Columbia. Board of Trade			— Public Library.....	1	1
— Minister of Mines	2	.....	— Secretary of Commissioner		
Brockton, Mass. Public Library..	1	.....	on Education	1	.....
Brookline, Mass. Public Library..	6	.....	— South Park Commissioner	9	.....
Brookline Education Society.....	3	.....	— Thursday Club	1	.....
Brooklyn. Civil Service Commis-			— University	1	.....
sioner.....	1	.....	— University Settlement.....	3	.....
— Library	3	.....	Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific		
Bryn Mawr College. Bryn Mawr,			Railway	6	.....
Penn	1	.....	Cincinnati. Observatory.....	1	.....
Bryn Mawr Library. N. Y. City.....	1	.....	— Public Library.....	4	.....
Buffalo, N. Y. Mayor.....	1	.....	— Young Men's Mercantile Li-		
— Merchants Exchange	32	.....	brary Association	1	.....
— Public Library.....	16	.....	Cincinnati Hospital.....	1	.....
Buffalo Historical Society.....	6	.....	Clapham, Eng. Public Library....	2	.....
Bunker Hill Boy's Club. Boston..	8	.....	Clark, Hon. C. Bowling Green,		
Bunker Hill Monument Associa-			Mo.....	1	.....
tion. Boston.....	1	.....	Clayton, H. D. Eufaula, Ala.....	4	.....
Burlington, Ia. Free Public Li-			Cleveland. Board of Education...	1	.....
brary	1	.....	— Chamber of Commerce.....	1	2
Burt, Miss M. E. N. Y. City.....	6	.....	— City Clerk	9	.....
Bush, I. St. Louis.....	19	62	— Municipal Association.....	5	.....
Bussey Institute. Jamaica Plains,			— Public Library.....	5	.....
Mass	13	.....	Club of Odd Volumes. Boston....	1	.....
Butte, Mont. Public Library.....	1	.....	Cobb, Hon. S. W. St. Louis.....	1	.....
Cabot, G. L. Boston	1	.....	College Settlements Association...	8	.....
California. Adjutant-General.....	6	7	Colorado. Adjutant-General.....	1	.....
— Attorney General.....	1	.....	— Agricultural Experiment Sta-		
— Bank Commissioner.....	1	.....	tion	9	.....
— State Board of Trade.....	2	.....	— Inspector of Coal Mines.....	2	.....
— State Library	1	2	— State Engineer	1	2
— State Mining Bureau.....	1	.....	— State Insurance Dept.....	1	1
— Supt. of Public Instruction....	1	.....	— University	2	.....
— Surveyor General.....	1	.....	Colorado College. Colorado,		
— University	15	.....	Springs, Col	1	.....
California Library Association....	3	.....	Columbia Theatre. St. Louis	1	.....
Cambridge, Mass. Public Library			Columbia University. N. Y. City..	2	2
Cambridge, Eng. Library Syndi-			Columbus, O. Public School Li-		
cate	1	.....	brary	1	3
— Public Library.....	1	.....	Congregational Home Missionary		
Canada. Department of Agri-			Society	4	.....
culture	4	.....	Connecticut. Agricultural Exper-		
— Department of Interior	5	.....	iment Station.....	1	2
— Department of Militia and			— Bank Commissioners.....	1	.....
Defence.....	2	.....	— Board of Agriculture.....	1	.....
— Department of Trade and			— Board of Education.....	8	2
Commerce.....	10	.....	— Bureau of Labor Statistics....	2	.....
— Dept. of Trade and Naviga-			— Inspector of Factories.....	1	.....
tion	1	2	— Railroad Commissioners.....	1	.....
— Geological Survey	1	.....	— Secretary of State.....	4	.....
— Inland Revenue Dept.....	66	.....	— State Board of Charities.....	1	.....
— Minister of Marine and Fish-			— State Board of Health	1	2
eries	1	.....	— State Library	10	.....
			Conrad, F. W. Philadelphia	1	.....
			Cook, P. F. St. Louis	6	.....

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Cooling, W. F. Chicago.....		1	Florida. Agricultural Experiment Station.....		19
Cornell University. Ithaca, N. Y.....	1	97	— Dept. of Agriculture.....		3
Corning, C. R. Concord, N. H.....		3	— Comptroller.....		1
Cotton Belt Route, St. Louis Office.....	1	7	— Supt. of Public Instruction.....		9
Coulter, J. M. Chicago.....		1	Foote, A. R. Takoma Park D. C.....		2
Cox, R. N. Y. City.....		2	Forbes Library. Northampton, Mass.....		1
Coxe, V. R. N. Y. City.....	1		Forest Park University. St. Louis.....		1
Creighton University. Omaha, Neb.....		1	Fortnightly Club. Jamestown, N. Y.....	1	
Cridge, A. San Francisco.....		1	Fowler, Hon. C. N. Elizabeth, N. J.....		1
Crosby, Mrs. E. L. St. Louis.....	9	351	France. Ministère du Commerce.....	1	1
Crunden, F. M. St. Louis.....	2	51	— Ministère de l' Instruction Publique.....	7	82
Cuban Industrial Relief Fund. N. Y. City.....		1	Frankfurt am Main. Freiherrlich Carl von Rothschilds'che öffentliche Bibliothek.....		1
Currier, C. G. N. Y. City.....		1	Franklin, A. B. Chicago.....		1
Curry, J. L. M. Washington, D. C.....	1		Friends Free Library. Germantown, Pa.....		7
Cust, R. N. London, Eng.....	2		Frink, S. St. Louis.....		7
Daily, J. W. Boston.....		1	Furst, C. B. Philadelphia.....		1
Daves, G. New Bern, N. C.....		10	Gallinger, Hon. J. C. Concord, N. H.....		2
Davis, C. L. Raleigh, N. C.....		1	Garrett, Miss M. S. Philadelphia.....		8
Dayton, O. Public Library.....		2	Genealogical Society of Pa. Philadelphia.....		1
Dean, Miss C. R. St. Louis.....		6	General Federation of Women's Clubs.....		2
DeBernard, G. B. Independence, Mo.....	1	14	Georgia. Dept. of Agriculture.....		1
Delaware. Adjutant-General.....	1	1	— Experiment Station.....		4
— Secretary of State.....		1	— Geological Survey.....		7
Demuth, I. M. Sedalia, Mo.....		1	Gerhold, H. St. Louis.....	1	
Dennison Manufacturing Co. N. Y. City.....		1	Girard College. Philadelphia.....	1	1
Denver, Col. City Library.....		2	Gladfelter, Miss L. M. St. Louis.....		2
— Public Library.....	1		Glasgow, Scotland. University.....	1	
Denver Medical Publishing Co.....		2	Glens Falls, N. Y. Board of Education.....		60
DePauw University. Greencastle, Ind.....		2	Gloversville, N. Y. Free Library.....		1
Depew, Hon. C. M. N. Y. City.....		3	Godkin, E. L. N. Y. City.....	1	
Detroit. Board of Education.....		9	Goldman, H. Chicago.....	1	
— City Clerk.....	1		Goodyear, Miss A. S. Boston.....	1	18
— Controller.....	2		Gordon, F. G. R. Manchester, N. H.....		1
— Public Library.....	1	3	Gorse, Mrs. J. E. St. Louis.....	1	
Dexter, Miss M. Cincinnati.....	2		Goettingen, Ger. Royal University Library.....		1
Dibble, H. P., Jr. St. Louis.....	8		Gould Directory Co. St. Louis.....	22	
District of Columbia Industrial Home School.....		2	Grand Rapids, Mich. Public Library.....		2
Doell, Mrs. G. St. Louis.....	5		Graves, W. W. St. Louis.....		1
Dover, N. H. Public Library.....		2	Gray, E. M. Florence, N. M.....		2
Dyer, Mrs. M. St. Louis.....	4	23	Green, S. A. Boston.....	10	203
Eames, W. N. Y. City.....		1	Green, S. S. Worcester, Mass.....		1
Eaton, A. M. Providence, R. I.....		3	Gregory, C. N. Madison, Wis.....		4
Eau Claire, Wis. Public Library.....		1	Grindon, A. S. St. Louis.....		1
Eby, J. F. Detroit.....	1		Grosvenor Public Library. Buffalo, N. Y.....		9
Educational Publishing Co. Boston.....	8		Guessel, F. C. D. St. Louis.....		4
Edwards, J. T. McDonogh, Md.....	1		Gun, R. London.....		4
Eiseman, B. St. Louis.....	1		Gunton Institute. N. Y. City.....		2
Elisha Mitchell Scientific Soc. Chapel Hill, N. C.....		4	Gwynne Temporary Home for Children. Boston.....		1
Elkins, Hon. S. B. Elkins, West Va.....		1	Habel, Dr. E. S. St. Louis.....	1	
Ely-Walker Dry Goods Co. St. Louis.....	1		Hackett, F. W. Washington, D. C.....		3
Emmet, T. K. St. Louis.....	1		Hale House Settlement. Boston.....		2
Enoch Pratt Free Library. Baltimore.....		2	Hall, W. S. San Francisco.....		2
Evans, H. C. Kirkwood, Mo.....		2	Hamilton, Can. Public Library.....		5
Evanston, Ill. Free Public Library.....		1	Hampton, G. P. N. Y. City.....		2
Fairfield Co. Historical Soc. Bridgeport, Conn.....		9	Hansmann, C. A. N. Y. City.....		2
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St. Louis Amateur Athletic Club...	1	Hoboken, N. J.....	2
St. Louis Bar Association	2	Stevenson, Mrs. S. B. Benton		
St. Louis College of Pharmacy.....	1	Station, Mo.....	6
St. Louis Fair Association.....	7	Stewart, A. K. St. Louis.....	1
St. Louis Finance	16	Stewart, F. Swarthmore, Pa.....	1
St. Louis Post-Dispatch.....	6	9	Sturgeon, I. H. St. Louis.....	2
St. Louis Provident Association...	1	Swarthmore College. Swarth-		
St. Louis Social Settlement.....	1	more, Pa.....	2
St. Louis University	1	Swett, C. E. Boston.....	2
St. Martin-in-the-Fields. London.			Sykes, Mrs. St. Louis.....	214
Eng	1	Syracuse, N. Y. Central Library	2
Salem, Mass. Public Library	14	Taunton, Mass. Public Library...	2
San Francisco. Board of Super-			Teller, Hon. H. M. Colorado	2
visors	1	Tennessee University.....	4
— Board of Trade	1	Tennessee Centennial Exposition..	5
— Bank Commissioners	1	Texas. Agricultural and Mechan-		
— Free Public Library.....	35	ical College.....	6
— Mechanics Institute	8	Thomas, W. L. St. Louis	1
Sanitary Science Club. Boston...	1	Thompson, R. A. Santa Rosa,		
Sassman, R. St. Louis.....	1	5	Cal	1
Sauveur, L. Chicago	2	Tokyo, Japan. Library	2
Saxony. German Exporters	2	Toronto, Can. Public Library.....	2
Schroeder, F. Yokohama, Japan...	4	Torrey, D. Pullman, Ill.....	10
Schroers, J. St. Louis	36	Towle Mfg. Co. Chicago.....	1
Schurz, Hon. C. N. Y. City	7	Trans-Mississippi and Interna-		
Scranton, Pa. Public Library.....	4	tional Exposition. Omaha...	17
Scruggs, W. L. Atlanta, Ga.....	4	Tremain, H. E. N. Y. City	4
Sedalia, Mo. Public (Free) Li-			Trinity College. Hartford, Conn.	1
brary	1	Tudor Iron Works. St. Louis.....	1
Seguenot, L. St. Louis.....	29	39	Tulane University. New Orleans..	2
Shambaugh, B. F. Iowa City, Ia...	10	Tutt, Miss H. Kirkwood.....	3	2
Sheffield, Eng. Free Public Li-			Twentieth Century Club. Boston.	10
braries	1	United Society of Christian En-		
Sheldon & Company. N. Y. City...	11	deavor	2
Sherman, C. P. Philadelphia	1	U. S. Bureau of Education.....	25
Shoreditch, Eng. Public Libra-			— Civil Service Commission.....	2	5
ries	1	— Department of Agriculture.....	7	153
Short, Rev. W. Philadelphia	186	— Department of Interior	13	41
Siegel-Cooper Co. Employees' As-			— Department of Justice.....	2	1
sociation. N. Y. City	2	— Department of Labor	3	8
Siegel, Mrs. R. St. Louis	3	— Department of State.....	12	100
Silver, Burdette & Co. Boston....	11	— Fish Commission.....	2	1
Simms, Dr. J. N. Y. City.....	1	— Hawaiian Commission.....	1
Smith, Hon. I. T. N. Y. City.....	1	— Industrial Commission.....	5

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
— Interstate Commerce Com-			Weir, R. S. Montreal. <i>Can.</i>	1	
— mission.....	12	5	Wellesley College. Wellesley,		
— Library of Congress.....	1	4	<i>Mass.</i>	8	
— Navy Department.....	4	7	Wells College. Aurora, N. Y.....	2	
— Post Office Department.....	1	1	Wells Memorial Institute. Bos-		
— Senate Document Room.....	1	30	ton.....	1	
— Supt. of Documents.....	345	252	Werner, N. J. St. Louis.....	7	
— Treasury Department.....	6	55	Wesleyan University. Middle-		
— War Department.....	12	64	town, <i>Conn.</i>	8	
— World's Fair Commission.....		8	Westham, <i>Eng.</i> Public Libraries..	1	
University of Traveling Library.			West Virginia, Commissioner of		
Chicago.....		4	Labor.....	1	
Uruguay. Bur. d'Exchanges In-			Western College for Women. Ox-		
ternationaux.....	1	2	ford, <i>O.</i>	1	
Utah. Agricultural Experiment			Wheeler, E. P. N. Y. City.....	8	
Station.....		7	White Star Line. St. Louis Office	1	
— Supt. of Public Instruction...	1	1	Whitelaw, O. L. St. Louis.....	1	4
Van Blarcom, Mrs. J. G. St. Louis	12	4	Wickersham, J. Tacoma, <i>Wash.</i> ...		2
Vassar College. Poughkeepsie,			Wifley, L. R. St. Louis.....	2	
N. Y.....		1	Wilkinson, C. W. Chicago.....	1	1
Venezuela. Department of For-			William and Mary College. Wil-		
eign Affairs.....		19	liamsburg, <i>Va.</i>	8	
Vermont. Agricultural Experi-			William Jewell College. Liberty,		
ment Station.....	1	1	<i>Mo.</i>	2	
— Dairymen's Association.....		1	Wilmington Institute. Wilming-		
— Fisheries and Game.....		2	ton, <i>Del.</i>	1	
— Library Commissioners.....		1	Wilner, Mrs. A. St. Louis.....	1	
— Railroad Commissioners.....	1		Winn, H. Boston.....	2	
— Secretary of State.....	1		Wisconsin. Adjutant-General....	2	29
— State Board of Agriculture...	1		— Bureau of Labor Statistics...	2	
— State Library.....	8	9	— Dairy and Food Commis-		
— Supt. of Education.....	1		sioner.....	1	2
— University.....		10	— Department of State.....	8	
Virginia. Agricultural Experi-			— Free Library Commission.....	1	14
ment Station.....		97	— Insurance Commissioner.....	2	
— State Board of Agriculture...	1	1	— Natural History Society.....		7
— University.....		8	— Railroad Commissioners.....		1
Virginia State Bar Association....	2		— State Board of Agriculture...	2	
Volta Bureau. Washington, <i>D. C.</i>		3	— State Board of Control.....	4	
Von Holst, H. E. Chicago.....		2	— State Historical Society.....	9	10
Wade, R. R. Boston.....		1	— State Supt. of Schools.....	2	4
Wage Earners' Self Culture Club.			— University.....		18
St. Louis.....		4	— University, Washburn Obser-		
Wagner, Miss S. St. Louis.....		13	vatory.....	8	7
Waltham, <i>Mass.</i> Public Library..		6	Woburn, <i>Mass.</i> Public Library...		1
Ward, J. N. Y. City.....		1	Woods, H. St. Louis.....	1	
Warder Public Library, Spring-			Woodward, Prof. C. M. St. Louis		2
field, <i>O.</i>		1	Worcester, <i>Mass.</i> City Clerk.....		1
Warner, B. H.....	1		— Free Public Library.....		24
Warren, Miss L. E. N. Y. City....	1	2	— Polytechnic Institute.....		1
Warren, Miss M. St. Louis.....	1		Worcester County Law Library...		1
Warren County Library. Mon-			Wright, I. A. Kansas City, <i>Mo.</i> ...		50
mouth, <i>Ill.</i>		4	Wyoming. State Auditor.....		12
Washburn, W. D. Minneapolis...		3	— State Board of Charities and		
Washington, <i>D. C.</i> City Free Li-			Reform.....		8
brary.....		2	— State Engineer.....	1	
Washington, (<i>State</i>). Adjutant-			— University.....		5
General.....		3	Yale University. New Haven,		
— Bureau of Statistics.....	1		<i>Conn.</i>		3
— State Historical Library.....		1	Yonkers, N. Y. Historical Library		
— Supt. of Public Instruction...		9	Association.....		8
Washington and Lee University.			Young Men's Christian Associa-		
Lexington, <i>Va.</i>		11	tions of North America.....		2
Washington University. St. Louis		4	Young Women's Christian Asso-		
Waterhouse, Prof. S. St. Louis...		1	ciation of N. Y. City.....		1
Watertown, <i>Mass.</i> Free Public Li-					
brary.....		2			

MEDICAL PERIODICALS.

Denver, *Col.* Denver Medical Times.....Monthly
Ft. Wayne, *Ind.* Ft. Wayne Medical
 Magazine.....Monthly
New York. American Druggist.....Semi-Monthly
St. Louis. Clinique.....Monthly

St. Louis. Medical Brief.....Monthly
— Medical Fortnightly.....Semi-Monthly
— Medical Mirror.....Monthly
— Meyer Brothers Druggist.....Monthly

NEWSPAPERS.

Algiers, <i>La.</i> Algiers Herald.....	Weekly	New York (<i>City</i>). Dolgeville Herald.....	Weekly
Bridgeport, <i>Conn.</i> Connecticut Wais- enfreund.....	Weekly	St. Louis, <i>Mo.</i> Arbeiter-Zeitung.....	Weekly
Caracas, <i>Venezuela.</i> Venezuelian Herald.....	Weekly	— Church Progress and Catholic World.....	Weekly
Champaign, <i>Ill.</i> Campaign County Democrat.....	Weekly	— Colman's Rural World.....	Weekly
Chicago, <i>Achejderen</i>	Weekly	— Jewish Voice.....	Weekly
— Chicago Evening Lamp.....	Weekly	— Labor Compendium.....	Weekly
— Chicago Nederlander.....	Weekly	— St. Louis Amerika.....	Daily
Cleveland, <i>O.</i> Citizen.....	Weekly	— St. Louis Chronicle.....	Daily
East St. Louis, <i>Mo.</i> Daily Democrat.....	Daily	— St. Louis Globe-Democrat.....	Daily
— East St. Louis Gazette.....	Daily	— St. Louis Labor.....	Weekly
— East St. Louis Journal.....	Daily	— St. Louis Post-Dispatch.....	Daily
Edwardsville, <i>Ill.</i> Edwardsville Republican.....	Weekly	— St. Louis Republic.....	Daily
Ft. Madison, <i>Ia.</i> Ft. Madison Democrat.....	Weekly	— St. Louis Star.....	Daily
Grand Junction, <i>Col.</i> Daily Sentinel.....	Daily	— St. Louis Tribune.....	Daily
Indianapolis, <i>Ind.</i> Progress.....	Weekly	— St. Louis Westliche Post.....	Daily
Lebanon, <i>Ill.</i> Lebanon Journal.....	Weekly	— Western Watchman.....	Weekly
London, <i>Eng.</i> Daily Mail.....	Daily	Skaguay, <i>Alaska.</i> Daily Alaskan.....	Daily
Melbourne, <i>Aus.</i> Australian.....	Weekly	Superior, <i>Wis.</i> Superior Leader.....	Daily
Milwaukee, <i>Wis.</i> Kurzer Polski.....	Daily	Sydney, <i>Aus.</i> Sydney Morning Herald.....	Daily
Minneapolis, <i>Minn.</i> Minneapolis Times.....	Daily	Toledo, <i>O.</i> Toledo Saturday Night.....	Weekly
New Orleans, <i>La.</i> New Orleans Daily City Item.....	Daily	Victoria, <i>B. C.</i> Victoria Daily Times.....	Daily
		Washington, <i>D. C.</i> U. S. Depart- ment News Eagle.....	Weekly

GENERAL PERIODICALS.

Albion, <i>N. Y.</i> Museum.....	Monthly	— American Soap Journal.....	Monthly
Anaconda, <i>Cal.</i> Anaconda Assayer.....	Weekly	— Anglo-Saxon.....	Monthly
Anaheim, <i>Cal.</i> Osteopath.....	Monthly	— Banker's Monthly.....	Monthly
Ashland, <i>Wis.</i> Helping Hand.....	Monthly	— Chicago Banker.....	Monthly
Atlanta, <i>Ga.</i> Southern Educational Journal.....	Monthly	— Chicago Household Guest.....	Monthly
Baltimore, <i>Md.</i> Royal Blue.....	Monthly	— Chicago Upholstery Journal.....	Monthly
— The Tablet.....	Monthly	— Chicago Vegetarian.....	Monthly
Battle Creek, <i>Mich.</i> Advent Review and Herald.....	Weekly	— Christian Cynosure.....	Monthly
Berkeley, <i>Cal.</i> Western National.....	Weekly	— Christian Endeavorer.....	Monthly
Berlin, <i>Ger.</i> Hochshul-Nachrichten.....	Monthly	— Commons.....	Monthly
Berne, <i>Switzerland.</i> Propriété Industrielle.....	Monthly	— Cycle Age.....	Weekly
Bloomington, <i>Ill.</i> School and Home Education.....	Monthly	— Elite.....	Weekly
Boston, <i>Mass.</i> Advocate of Peace.....	Monthly	— Everybody's Journal.....	Monthly
— The Bulletin and Good Roads.....	Weekly	— Farm Implement News.....	Weekly
— Bulletin Nat. Ass'n of Wool Manufacturers.....	Quarterly	— Flaming Sword.....	Weekly
— Christian Register.....	Weekly	— Good Citizen.....	Monthly
— Christian Science Journal.....	Monthly	— Human Faculty.....	Monthly
— Christian Science Weekly.....	Weekly	— Lucifer.....	Weekly
— Employer and Employed.....	Quarterly	— Men.....	Monthly
— Fibre and Fabric.....	Weekly	— Modern Tourist.....	Monthly
— League of American Wheelmen Bulletin.....	Weekly	— Musical Critic.....	Monthly
— Lincoln House Review.....	Quarterly	— Office Men's Record.....	Quarterly
— Literary Review.....	Monthly	— Our Fellow Creatures.....	Monthly
— Our City.....	Quarterly	— People's Press.....	Weekly
— Our Dumb Animals.....	Monthly	— Planets and People.....	Monthly
— New Church Review.....	Quarterly	— Progress.....	Monthly
— New England Anti-Vivisection Society.....	Monthly	— Public Official.....	Monthly
— Posse Gymnasium Journal.....	Monthly	— Railway Review.....	Weekly
— Progressive Era.....	Monthly	— School Board Journal.....	Monthly
Bridgeport, <i>Conn.</i> Rundschau.....	Weekly	— Show Window.....	Monthly
Brooklyn, <i>N. Y.</i> Hefley Educator.....	Weekly	— Social Democrat.....	Weekly
Buffalo, <i>N. Y.</i> Municipality and County.....	Monthly	— Sportsmen's Review.....	Weekly
Butte, <i>Montana.</i> Mining World.....	Monthly	— Stationer and Printer.....	Semi-Monthly
— Western Mining World.....	Weekly	— Stationary Engineer.....	Monthly
Cambridge, <i>Mass.</i> The Reader.....	Semi-Monthly	— Suggestive Therapeutics.....	Monthly
Cedar Rapids, <i>Iowa.</i> Why?.....	Monthly	— Teacher and Student.....	Monthly
Charlottesville, <i>Va.</i> Alumni Bulletin of University of Virginia.....	Monthly	— Timberman.....	Monthly
Chicago, <i>Ill.</i> Advertising Exper- ience.....	Weekly	— Union Signal.....	Weekly
— American Bullder.....	Monthly	— Universal Truth.....	Monthly
— American Druggist.....	Semi-Monthly	— Your Head.....	
— American Fruit Growers Union.....	Weekly	Cincinnati, <i>O.</i> American Home Missionary.....	Monthly
		— American Musician.....	Weekly
		— Common Cause.....	Weekly
		— Furniture Worker.....	Weekly
		— Teacher and Organist.....	Monthly
		Clayton, <i>Mo.</i> People's Advocate.....	Weekly
		Cleveland, <i>O.</i> Index.....	Semi-Monthly
		— International Messenger.....	Monthly
		— Journal.....	Monthly
		— Suggestor and Thinker.....	Monthly

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— World's Advance-Thought.....	Monthly	— Squib.....	Weekly
Quebec, <i>Canada</i> . Courier du Livre.....	Monthly	— States Duty.....	Monthly
St. Louis. Die Abendschule.....	Weekly	— Stoves and Hardware Reporter.....	Weekly
— Age of Steel.....	Weekly	— Student Life.....	Monthly
— American Baptist Flag.....	Weekly	— Tygodnik Polski.....	Weekly
— Amer. Law Review.....	Bi-Monthly	— Wage Earner and Self Culture	
— Baptist Church Record.....	Weekly	Club Bulletin.....	Monthly
— Bote der Neuen Kirche.....	Weekly	— War Cry.....	Weekly
— Building and Trades Journal.....	Weekly	Salmon, <i>Idaho</i> . Lemhi Republic.....	Weekly
— Butcher's and Packer's Mag'zine.....	Monthly	San Antonio, <i>Tex.</i> Industrial World.....	Monthly
— Central Baptist.....	Weekly	San Francisco. California Archi-	
— Central Law Journal.....	Weekly	tect.....	Monthly
— Chaperone.....	Monthly	— Insurance Sun.....	Monthly
— Church News.....	Monthly	— Mining and Scientific Press.....	Weekly
— Democrat Bulletin.....	Weekly	— Something Different.....	Weekly
— Dyer's News Letter.....	Weekly	— Star.....	Weekly
— Electrical Era.....	Monthly	— Sunset.....	Monthly
— Electrical Worker.....	Monthly	South Gastonbury, <i>Conn.</i> Fruits	
— Farm Machinery.....	Weekly	of Water.....	Monthly
— Great Southwest.....	Monthly	Springfield, <i>Mo.</i> Over the Tea Cups.....	Weekly
— Hesperian.....	Quarterly	Stuttgart, <i>Ger.</i> Antiquitäten-Zeitung.....	Weekly
— High School News.....	Monthly	Syracuse, <i>N. Y.</i> Journal of Peda-	
— Inland Engineer.....	Monthly	gogy.....	Quarterly
— Interstate Grocer.....	Weekly	Tennessee City, <i>Tenn.</i> Coming	
— Journal of Agriculture.....	Weekly	Nation.....	Weekly
— Labor.....	Weekly	Terre Haute, <i>Ind.</i> Vaccination.....	Monthly
— Manhood.....	Monthly	Topeka. Western School Journal.....	Monthly
— Mekeel's Weekly.....	Weekly	Toronto. Canada Educational.....	Monthly
— Mid-Continent.....	Weekly	— Canadian Philatelic Weekly.....	Weekly
— Mirror.....	Weekly	— Fred Bury's Journal.....	Monthly
— Missouri Children's Home Finder.....	Monthly	— Searchlight.....	Monthly
— Natural Law.....	Weekly	Urbana, <i>Ill.</i> New Philosophy.....	Monthly
— Philatelic Journal.....	Semi-Annual	Urbana, <i>O.</i> University Courant.....	Monthly
— Popocrat.....	Weekly	Vineland, <i>N. J.</i> Cosmos.....	Monthly
— Retriever.....	Weekly	Wardner, <i>B. O.</i> International.....	Weekly
— Review of Reforms.....	Monthly	Washington, <i>D. O.</i> American Fed-	
— St. Louis Christian Advocate.....	Weekly	erationist.....	Monthly
— St. Louis Critic.....	Weekly	— American Inventor.....	Weekly
— St. Louis Cycle News.....	Weekly	— Forester.....	Monthly
— St. Louis Finance.....	Monthly	— Inventive Age.....	Monthly
— St. Louis Homestead.....	Weekly	— Postal Record.....	Monthly
— St. Louis Humorist.....	Weekly	— Uncle Sam's American Flag.....	Weekly
— St. Louis Lumberman.....	Monthly	— U. S. Congressional Records.....	
— St. Louis Merchants' Journal.....	Weekly	— U. S. Consular Reports.....	Monthly
— Schalk.....	Weekly	— U. S. Consular Reports—Special, Irregular	
— School and Home.....	Fortnightly	— U. S. Patent Office. Official	
— Shoe and Leather Gazette.....	Weekly	Gazette.....	Weekly
— Smith Academy Record...8 times a Year		— U. S. Public Health Reports.....	Weekly
— South Side Reporter.....	Weekly	— U. S. Weather Bureau.....	Monthly
— Sporting News.....	Weekly	Wilmington, <i>Del.</i> "Justice".....	Weekly

APPENDIX No. III.

MISSOURI STATUTES RELATING TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES,

TOGETHER WITH THE

ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF ST. LOUIS.

Chapter 91, Article XIX, Revised Statutes of Missouri.

PUBLIC LIBRARIES AND BUILDINGS.

SECTION.

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 6470. Organization, powers of directors, funds.
 6471. Library, who may use.
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SECTION 6466. *Library fund in cities, when tax may be levied—election, etc.*—When one hundred tax-paying voters of any incorporated city shall petition the mayor and common council asking that an annual tax be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library in such incorporated city, and shall specify in their petition a rate of taxation, not to exceed two mills on the dollar annually, and in cities of over one hundred thousand inhabitants not to exceed two-fifths of one mill annually, on all the taxable property in the city, such mayor and common council shall direct the proper officer to give notice in his next legal notice of the annual election, or special election which may be called for the purpose of voting on such question, that at such election every voter may vote "for a mill tax for a free public library," or "against a mill tax for a free public library," specifying in such notice the rate of taxation mentioned in said petition; and if the majority of votes cast on such proposition shall be "for the tax for the free public library," the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of such incorporated city, and shall be known as the "library fund:" *Provided*, that such tax shall cease in case the legal voters of any such incorporated city shall so determine by a majority vote at any annual election held therein." Approved, March 9, 1901. Laws, 1901, p. 84. (R. S. 1899, amended).

SEC. 6467. *Directors.*—When any incorporated city shall have decided to establish and maintain a public library and reading-room under this article, the mayor of such city shall, with the approval of the legislative branch of the municipal government, proceed to appoint a board of nine directors for the same, chosen from the citizens at large, with reference to their fitness for such office; and no member of the municipal government shall be a member of said board.

SEC. 6468. *Term of office—removal.*—Said directors shall hold office one-

third for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, from the first of June following their appointment, and at their first regular meeting shall cast lots for the respective terms; and, annually thereafter, the mayor shall, before the first of June of each year, appoint, as before, three directors, who shall hold office for three years and until their successors are appointed. The mayor may, by and with the consent of the legislative branch of the municipal government, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty.

SEC. 6469. *Vacancies—no compensation.*—Vacancies in the board of directors, occasioned by removals, resignations or otherwise, shall be reported to the city council, and be filled in like manner as original appointments, and no director shall receive compensation as such, and no person shall be employed by such board of library directors who is related either by blood or by marriage to any director of said board. Approved, March 20, 1901. Laws, 1901, p. 85. (R. S. 1899, amended).

SEC. 6470. *Organization—powers of directors—funds.*—Said directors shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number president, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance, and for the government of the library and reading-room, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this article. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose; provided, that all moneys received for such library shall be deposited in the treasury of said city or village to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such city or village, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said city or village upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board. Said board shall have power to purchase or lease grounds, to occupy, lease or erect an appropriate building or buildings for the use of the said library; shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation, and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall, in general, carry out the spirit and intent of this article, in establishing and maintaining a public library and reading-room.

SEC. 6471. *Who may use library.*—Every library and reading-room established under this article shall be forever free to the use of the inhabitants of the city where located, always subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the library board may adopt in order to render the use of said library and reading-room of the greatest benefit to the greatest number; and said board may exclude from the use of said library and reading-room any and all persons who shall willfully violate such rules; and said board may extend the privileges and use of such library and reading-room to persons residing outside of such city in this state, upon such terms and conditions as said board may, from time to time, by its regulations prescribe.

SEC. 6472. *Annual report, what to contain.*—The said board of directors shall make, on or before the second Monday in June, an annual report to the city council, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of May of that year, the various sums of money received from the library fund and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand, the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise, during the year; the number and general character and kind of such books, with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portions of said report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books lost or missing, and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit.

SEC. 6473. *Council may provide penalties.*—The city council of said city or village shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penal-

ties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such library or the grounds, or other property thereof, and for injury to or failure to return any book belonging to such library.

SEC. 6474. *Donations.*—Any person desiring to make donations of money, personal property or real estate for the benefit of such library, shall have the right to vest the title to the money or real estate so donated in the board of directors created under this article, to be held and controlled by such board, when accepted according to the terms of the deed, gift, devise or bequest of such property; and as to such property the said board shall be held and considered to be special trustees.

SEC. 6475. *Proceedings in village or township.*—When fifty legal voters or any incorporated village or township shall petition the proper authorities, asking that an annual tax may be levied for the establishment and maintenance of a free public library in such village or township, and shall specify in their petition, a rate of taxation not to exceed two mills on the dollar, such officers shall, in the next legal notice of the regular annual election in such village or township, give notice that at such election every voter may vote "for a mill tax for a free public library," or "against a mill tax for a free public library," specifying in such notice the rate of taxation mentioned in said petition; and if the majority of all the votes cast in such village or township shall be "for the tax for a free public library," the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said village or township and shall be known as the "library fund:" *Provided*, that such tax shall cease in case the legal voters of any such village or township shall so determine, by a majority vote, at any annual election held therein, and the corporate authorities of such villages or townships may exercise the same powers conferred upon the corporate authorities of cities under this article.

SEC. 6476. *Election of directors, etc.*—At the next regular election after any town, village or township shall have voted to establish a free public library, there shall be elected a library board of six directors, one-third for one year, one-third for two years, and one-third for three years; and annually thereafter there shall be elected two directors, who shall hold their office for three years, and until their successors are elected and qualified, which board shall have the same powers as by this article are conferred upon the board of directors of free public libraries in cities.

SEC. 6477. *Library—county court of certain counties may contract with officers of, etc., when.*—The county court in any county wherein is situated an incorporated city containing a free public library, whenever petitioned by one hundred or more tax-paying citizens of said city, and one hundred or more tax-paying citizens of said county, residing outside of said city, for the use by the citizens of said county residing outside of said city, of said library, shall have the right to contract with the officers of said library for such use thereof by said citizens of said county residing outside of the city, and to appropriate moneys from the county revenue of said county therefor, and thereafter to continue such contract or renewals thereof from year to year: *Provided*, that the annual amount so contracted to be paid and appropriated shall not exceed 3 per cent of the county revenue for the year out of which payment is to be made. (New section.)

SEC. 6478. *How library building fund may be created—election, how and when ordered.*—Whenever in any incorporated city which has decided or shall hereafter decide to establish and maintain a public library and reading-room under the provisions of this article one hundred tax-paying voters of any such incorporated city shall petition the proper authorities, asking that an annual tax be levied as an increased rate of taxation for the erection of a free public library building in such incorporated city, and shall specify in their petition a rate of taxation not to exceed one and one-half mills on the dollar annually, and not to be levied for more than five years on all taxable property in such incorporated city, and the board of directors of the free public library of such incorpo-

rated city shall deem it necessary that such library building should be erected, and so express its opinion by resolution, then the proper authorities of such incorporated city shall in the next legal notice of a regular election in such incorporated city give notice that at such election every voter may vote for an annual increased rate of taxation for years of mills tax per annum for the erection of a free public library building, specifying in such notice the rate of taxation mentioned in such petition and the period for which it is to be levied, and if two-thirds of the qualified voters of such incorporated city voting at such election shall vote "for the increased tax for the erection of a free public library building," the tax specified in such notice shall be levied and collected in like manner with other general taxes of said incorporated city, and shall be known as "the library building fund," and shall be subject to the exclusive control of said board and be drawn upon by the proper officers of such city upon the properly authenticated vouchers of said board, and be used for the erection of the library building. The fund hereby provided for the erection of a free public building in any such incorporated city shall be in addition to the annual tax levied for the establishment and maintenance of such free public library.

SEC. 6479. *Plans and specifications to be prepared and contract let.*—When it shall have been determined at such election to provide for the erection of a free public library building, as hereinbefore provided, the board of directors of such public library shall proceed to have plans and specifications of a public library building prepared, and shall then take bids thereon for the construction of said building, and shall let the contract therefor to the lowest and best responsible bidder, and shall require of such bidder securities for the performance of his bid. The board may, however, let parts of the material or labor for the erection of the building to different bidders, as to it may seem best.

SEC. 6480. *Board empowered to sell or exchange lot.*—Wherever the board of directors of any public library shall have acquired, or shall hereafter acquire, a lot or tract of land, and said board may determine that it is not judicious to erect the library building upon such lot, said board is empowered to sell or exchange such lot and to use the proceeds of such sale or exchange for the purposes of a site for a library building, or for the erection of a library building on any other land purchased or leased by or donated to said board and which it may deem suitable to said building: *Provided*, sections 6478, 6479 and 6480 shall not apply to cities under ten thousand inhabitants.

SEC. 6481. *Public library in cities of over 300,000 inhabitants—directors.*—When any incorporated city containing over three hundred thousand inhabitants shall have decided to establish and maintain a public library and reading-room, under this article, the mayor of such city shall, with the approval of the city council, proceed to appoint a board of nine directors for the same, chosen from the citizens at large, with reference to their fitness for such office; and no member of the municipal government shall be a member of said board: *Provided*, that not more than five of such directors shall be members of the same political party.

SEC. 6482. *Term of office—removal.*—Said directors shall hold office, one-third for one year, one-third for two years and one-third for three years, from the first of June following their appointment, and at their first regular meeting shall cast lots for their respective terms; and annually thereafter, the mayor shall, before the first of June of each year appoint, as before, three directors, who shall hold office for three years, and until their successors are appointed. The mayor may, by and with the consent of the city council, remove any director for misconduct or neglect of duty.

SEC. 6483. *Vacancies—no compensation.*—Vacancies in the board of directors, occasioned by removals, resignation or otherwise, shall be reported to the mayor, and be filled in like manner as original appointments, and no director shall receive compensation as such.

SEC. 6484. *Duty of board of directors—appointment of officers—*

powers, etc.—Said directors shall be known and styled in their corporate name as the board of directors of the public library, and in such name may exercise the powers hereinafter granted. They shall, immediately after appointment, meet and organize by the election of one of their number as president, and by the election of such other officers as they may deem necessary. They shall make and adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for their own guidance, and for the government of the library and reading-room, as may be expedient, not inconsistent with this article. They shall have the exclusive control of the expenditure of all moneys collected to the credit of the library fund, and of the construction of any library building, and of the supervision, care and custody of the grounds, rooms or buildings constructed, leased or set apart for that purpose; provided that all moneys received for such library shall be deposited in the treasury of said city, to the credit of the library fund, and shall be kept separate and apart from other moneys of such city, and drawn upon by the proper officers of said city, upon the properly authenticated vouchers of the library board. Said board shall have power to purchase, hold or lease grounds, to occupy, lease or erect an appropriate building or buildings for the use of the said library, and to issue bonds, secured by deed of trust on any land of which they may be possessed, for the purpose of erecting library buildings, and for no other purpose; and all property by such board purchased, or otherwise obtained, shall vest in such board as a body corporate, and be held by it in trust. They shall have power to appoint a suitable librarian and necessary assistants, and fix their compensation, and shall also have power to remove such appointees; and shall, in general, carry out the spirit and intent of this article in establishing and maintaining a public library and reading-room.

SEC. 6485. *Board shall make annual report to mayor—contents.*—The said board of directors shall make, on or before the second Monday in June, an annual report to the mayor, stating the condition of their trust on the first day of May of that year, the various sums of money received from the library fund and from other sources, and how such moneys have been expended and for what purposes; the number of books and periodicals on hand, the number added by purchase, gift or otherwise, during the year; the number and general character and kind of such books, with such other statistics, information and suggestions as they may deem of general interest. All such portions of said report as relate to the receipt and expenditure of money, as well as the number of books on hand, books lost or missing, and books purchased, shall be verified by affidavit.

SEC. 6486. *Penalties, how imposed.*—The said cities shall have power to pass ordinances imposing suitable penalties for the punishment of persons committing injury upon such library, or the grounds or other property thereof, and for injury to or failure to return any book belonging to such library.

CITY ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE for the protection of the property of the Public (Free) Library of St. Louis and for the punishment of persons injuring or failing to return the same.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Assembly of St. Louis, as follows:

SECTION 1. Every person who shall take from the Public (Free) Library any book, pamphlet, periodical, paper or other property, except in accordance with the rules of such library, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine in the sum of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25 for each offense.

SEC. 2. Every person who shall take or borrow from the Public (Free) Library any book, pamphlet, periodical, paper or other property, and neglect to return the same within two weeks from the date of mailing a notice to his address, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine in the sum of not less than \$1 nor more than \$10 for each offense.

SEC. 3. Every person who shall willfully and wantonly cut, mutilate, mark, tear, write upon, deface, or otherwise destroy or injure, in whole or in part, any book, pamphlet, periodical, map, document, picture, or written or engraved or printed paper, belonging to the Public (Free) Library, or shall suffer any such injury to be inflicted while such property is in his custody, or shall willfully or wantonly injure any of the furniture or property in the building of the Library, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine in the sum of not less than \$5 nor more than \$100.

SEC. 4. All fines collected under this ordinance shall be paid over to the Free Library Fund for the use of the Library, and it shall be the duty of the City Attorney promptly to prosecute all violations of this ordinance.

Approved April 9th, 1894.

CITY ORDINANCE.

AN ORDINANCE to prevent contagion from books of the Public Library, defining the duties of the Health Commissioner in relation thereto, and providing penalties for the violation of said provisions.

Be it ordained by the Municipal Assembly of the City of St. Louis, as follows:

SECTION 1. It is hereby made the duty of the Health Commissioner, whenever any house is posted by the Health Department as having a contagious disease therein, immediately to notify the Public Library Board thereof; and such report to the Library Board of the houses so posted shall be made daily by the Health Commissioner.

SEC. 2. Whenever any notice of contagious disease is posted upon any house by the Health Department, the agent of said department putting up said notice shall inquire at the time if the house contains any book, periodical or pamphlet belonging to the Public Library, and shall thereupon demand and take immediate possession of said book, periodical or pamphlet, and remove the same to the office of the Health Department; and the Health Commissioner shall immediately notify the Public Library, giving the number and name of the book, periodical or pamphlet, and the house where received; and the Health Commissioner shall immediately cause said books, periodicals or pamphlets to be disinfected and returned to the Library.

SEC. 3. Any person in whose family there is a contagious disease who does not promptly report and surrender to the Health Commissioner any book, periodical or pamphlet belonging to the Public Library, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than \$5 nor more than \$25.

Approved July 24th, 1894.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

ST. LOUIS

PUBLIC (FREE) LIBRARY

With Compliments of

Frederick M. Crunden,

Librarian.

ST. LOUIS:
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

JUNE, 1899—MAY, 1900.

	Term Expires.
BENJAMIN EISEMAN	1900
F. W. LEHMANN	1901
WM. MAFFITT	1901
T. A. MEYSENBURG	1902
JOHN A. NIES	1900
EDWARD L. PREETORIUS	1902
ELLIS WAINWRIGHT	1900
Two vacancies filled in October, 1899, by the appointment of	
O'NEILL RYAN	1902
JOHN F. LEE	1901

STANDING COMMITTEES.

ADMINISTRATION.

Messrs. MEYSENBURG, LEE and WAINWRIGHT.

AUDITING.

Messrs. PREETORIUS, MAFFITT and NIES.

BOOK.

Messrs. LEE, RYAN and EISEMAN.

EXECUTIVE.

Messrs. LEHMANN, MEYSENBURG, PREETORIUS and LEE.

F. W. LEHMANN, President.

T. A. MEYSENBURG, Vice-President.

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN, Secretary and Librarian.

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JUNE, 1900—MAY, 1901.

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BENJAMIN EISEMAN.....(Holding over).....	1900
JOHN F. LEE.....	1901
F. W. LEHMANN.....	1901
WM. MAFFITT.....	1901
T. A. MEYSENBURG.....	1902
JOHN A. NIES.....(Holding over).....	1900
EDWARD L. PREETORIUS.....	1902
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ELLIS WAINWRIGHT.....(Holding over).....	1900

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LIBRARY STAFF.

MAY, 1900.

Librarian.....FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN.

Assistant Librarian.....JOSEPH F. LANGTON.

JONATHAN W. GEORGE.....	Second Assistant—Issue Department.
SULA WAGNER.....	Chief Cataloguer.
MRS. L. SPECK.....	General Assistant.
HENRY F. WOODS.....	Superintendent of Delivery Stations.
PIERCE B. BARNARD.....	Shelf Curator.
MRS. M. MYERS.....	Superintendent Reading Room.
JULIA KRUG.....	Superintendent Juvenile Room.
SYLVIA M. ALLEN.....	Issue Clerk.
ELSE MILLER.....	Accountant.
CELESTE SPECK.....	Registration Clerk.
ROSA M. LEEPER.....	Pamphlets and Exchanges.
KATHARINE T. MOODY.....	Assistant Cataloguer.
HELEN TUTT.....	Assistant Cataloguer.
CLARA R. DEAN.....	Junior Clerk.
EDMUND J. McMAHON.....	Junior Clerk.
JOSEPH BRANNIGAN.....	Junior Clerk.
JOHN L. PARKER.....	Junior Clerk.
W. B. A. TAYLOR.....	Junior Clerk.
JAMES HACKETT.....	Junior Clerk.

APPRENTICES.

LULA M. WESCOAT. ADELAIDE HOWE.

MESSENGERS.

RICHARD ULRICH.	EMMET WATSON.
GEORGE LORENZ	WALTER KOLB.
CHARLES H. WILEY.	F. J. SUSANKA.
PETER WALKER.	CHARLES STODDER.
EUGENE WALSER.	OSCAR EVERS.
GEORGE KNOPP.	THEO. FELSCH.

BINDER.

JOSIE SHEEHAN.

JANITORS.

R. KEDGE.....	Janitor.	T. WEST.....	Assistant.
MRS. M. DETWEILER.....	Assistant.	J. C. THOMAS.....	Assistant.
ALBERT DUVAL.....		Assistant.	

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ST. LOUIS PUBLIC (FREE) LIBRARY.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May, 1900.

Hon. Henry Ziegenhein, Mayor of St. Louis:

DEAR SIR—I have to submit herewith the report of Mr. F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the Public Library, for the year ending April 30th, 1900.

This report shows in detail the receipts and expenditures of the Board and the practical operations of the Library during the year.

Through the munificence and public spirit of Mr. Carnegie, of New York, an opportunity has been accorded to our people to greatly enlarge the scope of the Library's utility.

Mr. Carnegie has offered to donate to the Board one million of dollars, one-half of which is to be used in the construction of a main or central building, and the other half in the construction of branches, as these may be required from time to time.

The conditions of this offer are that the city shall provide free sites for the buildings and also provide a maintenance fund of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars per year. The proposition to provide the maintenance fund is now before the people and it is believed will meet with their approval.

To procure unincumbered sites, there are no public funds available. Mr. William Barr has, however, offered to donate one site for

a branch building, and the Lindell Realty Company has made a similar offer. The Board feels assured that there will be no difficulty in getting sites for the branch buildings.

For the purpose of a central building, the Board some years ago acquired the block between Seventeenth and Eighteenth and Olive and Locust Streets. This property is, however, heavily encumbered, and after selling all its outside property the Board would need three hundred thousand dollars to clear the block described. To secure this it is dependent upon the liberality of our citizens.

It would greatly help to the solution of the problem if the block, belonging to the city, and now occupied by the Exposition building, could be restored as a park and the library building located therein. The Board believes that the money to discharge all just claims against this property could be secured, thus leaving the value of the equity in the block now held by the Board to be added to the building fund.

The Exposition block is also believed to be the best available site for the central library, and it is earnestly prayed that the city government will co-operate in all proper ways to secure it for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. LEHMANN,

*President of the Board of Directors
of the St. Louis Public Library.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to submit herewith my report for the year ending with April 30, 1900. As no report has been published for three years, and as in addition to my monthly report I have twice a year, at the end of the calendar and the fiscal year, presented a report on the general condition of the Library, I limit this to a statistical showing of the work done during the year from May 1, 1899, to April 30, 1900.

FINANCES.

RECEIPTS.—The amount received from taxes was \$73,781.47, an increase of \$2,441.34 over the previous year.

The desk receipts were \$4,392.48, an increase of \$490.78. This increase comes from the Collection of Duplicates, the income from which was \$1,300.30, a gain of \$543.72. This is the largest amount ever collected in one year from this source, and is due in a great measure to the open shelves.

No separate account has ever been kept with the Collection of Duplicates; but taking the expenditures from the receipts for the last seven years, we have a balance of \$2,089.42 to the credit of the Collection.

Necessity compelling the use of the Bank Fund for maintainance during the spring and summer months, the interest on current deposits was \$426.36 less than the year before. There was an increase of \$616.95 in rentals.

EXPENDITURES.—Salaries were \$76.99 less than the year before. This may be accounted for by the numerous resignations—the new employes coming in with minimum salaries, while several of those who left had reached the maximum. By the new lease with the Board of Education, a saving of \$3,131.26 was effected. The item for furniture and repairs includes three turnstiles, book cases and toilet room on the seventh floor; remodeling the juvenile room and delivery station room. The expenditure for printing and stationery was less than the year before by \$1,286.94. The excess of the previous year was chiefly for the magazine and German catalogue.

The Delivery Station expenditure increased \$280.57; and postage was \$70.87 less. The greater part of this last item is for delinquent notices and is no expense to the Library, because it is added to and collected with the fines.

In a table following, the receipts and expenditures for the year and for the past seven years are given in detail. The total receipts have been \$540,485.71, and the expenditures,—for maintenance \$306,891.61, and for real estate \$221,065.89,—a total of \$527,957.50.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 9, 1900.

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To bal. in City Treas., April 10, 1899.....	\$ 2467 96	
Collections, April 10, 1899—April 9, 1900.....	73,781 47	
		<u>\$76,249 43</u>
Bal. in Bank Fund, April 10, 1899.....		1,575 59
Bal. in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1899.....		76 07
Collection of Duplicates		
Cards sold.....	1,243 65	
Magazines sold.....	56 65	
	<u>1,300 30</u>	
Fines.....	2,506 41	
Books lost and paid for and sold	226 35	
Catalogues	79 30	
Lost cards.....	205 60	
Postal cards.....	26 09	
Miscellaneous	48 43	
Total desk receipts,		<u>4,392 48</u>
Rent (from property bought Jan., '96, and Apr., '98,		12,945 50
Interest		39 98
Magazine subscriptions		12 00
		<u>95,291 05</u>
Total.....		

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By salaries		24,865 27
Books, Main Library.....	3,901 51	
Books, Collection of Duplicates.....	569 98	
Binding	3,172 11	
Periodicals	808 77	
" Collection of Duplicates	248 48	
		<u>8,700 85</u>
Building (interest, notes, etc.)	36,973 36	
Rent.....	7,500 00	
Light	24 30	
Insurance.....	576 25	
Furniture and Repairs.....	704 57	
		<u>45,778 48</u>
Expense.		
Printing and Stationery.....	939 60	
Delivery Stations.....	2,005 55	
Postage	181 59	
Sundries	336 90	
Supplies	134 60	
		<u>3,598 24</u>
Total expenditures (including real estate investment).....		82,762 84
Bal. in City Treasury, April 9, 1900.....		3,306 40
Bal. in Bank Fund.....		9,115 90
Bal. in Contingent Fund.....		105 91
		<u>\$95,291 05</u>
Collection of Duplicates account, 1894-1900.		
Receipts.....	\$ 5,163 70	
Expenditures.....	3,074 28	
		<u>2,089 42</u>
Balance		

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894, TO APRIL, 1900.

RECEIPTS.

City Collections.	Desk Receipts.	Rent.	Insurance and Wreckage.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1894.....\$ 49,773 52	\$ 113 66	.....	.....	.....	\$ 49,887 18
1895..... 59,035 80	2,593 26	.....	.....	\$ 3 41	61,632 47
1896..... 61,929 51	3,649 98	\$ 482 79	.....	87 96	66,150 24
1897..... 64,663 32	3,741 31	1,879 56	.....	187 72	70,471 91
1898..... 67,638 45	3,839 86	1,480 00	.....	424 81	73,383 12
1899..... 71,340 13	3,901 72	12,328 55	\$ 39,742 72	476 24	127,789 36
1900..... 73,781 47	4,392 48	12,945 50	.....	51 98	91,171 43
Total.....\$448,162.20	\$ 22,232.27	\$ 29,116.40	\$ 39,742.72	\$ 1,232.12	\$540,485.71

EXPENDITURES.

Maintenance.	Real Estate.	Total.
1894.....\$ 2,876 19	.....	\$ 2,876 19
1895..... 43,305 69	.....	43,305 69
1896..... 52,318 45	\$ 40,900 00	93,218 45
1897..... 48,738 69	24,872 58	73,611 27
1898..... 58,051 90	29,972 00	88,023 90
1899..... 55,811 21	88,347 95	144,159 16
1900..... 45,789 48	36,973 36	82,762 84
Total.....\$306,891.61	\$221,065.89	\$527,957.50

REGISTRATION.

The total registration for the year ending April 30, 1900, was 52,708, with 48,922 cards in use. Of the 13,055 cards expiring, only 3,652 were re-registered. The majority of those not renewing were children who often get cards through their teachers, and on leaving school drop them for the time being.

A record kept by wards was started last November, and the result for the past six months shows that the registration in the twenty-fourth ward was the largest and that of the seventh ward the smallest. The figures appear below.

Registration to April 30, 1899.....		50,689
Registered May 1, 1899, to April 30, 1900.....	7,770	
Re-registered May 1, 1899, to April 30, 1900.....	3,652	11,422
Total.....		62,111
Cards expired and not renewed.....		9,403
Total cards in force.		
Men	13,049	
Women	15,550	
Children	24,004	
Institutions	96	
Total cards in force.....		52,708
Cards cancelled	292	
Guarantor withdrawn	494	
Held for fines	2,000	3,786
Total cards in use.....		48,922

REGISTRATION BY WARDS.

Ward 1.....	197	Ward 17.....	254
2.....	275	18.....	112
3.....	357	19.....	277
4.....	322	20.....	350
5.....	115	21.....	303
6.....	227	22.....	363
7.....	99	23.....	176
8.....	133	24.....	809
9.....	653	25.....	417
10.....	482	26.....	732
11.....	308	27.....	302
12.....	279	28.....	611
13.....	281	Suburban.....	143
14.....	168		
15.....	198	Total.....	9,213
16.....	270		

The strain on our finances caused by the necessity of paying notes on building site to the amount of \$36,973.36 left very little for the book fund. The additions for the year were, consequently, the least in number and importance since the Library was made free. The figures are given in detail in the following table.

ADDITIONS.

FROM MAY 1, 1889—APRIL 30, 1900.

Classes.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy.....	41	.....	41
Religion.....	215	1	216
Social Science.....	843	2	845
Natural Science.....	694	.....	694
Art and Poetry.....	217	13	230
Fiction.....	829	830	1,659
Juvenile Literature.....	786	5	791
Literary Miscellany.....	196	14	210
Travels and History.....	478	9	487
Cyclopædias and Periodicals.....	268	.....	268
	4,567	874	5,441
Source.			
Purchase.....	2,575	874	3,449
Gift.....	1,581	.....	1,581
Pamphlets, bound.....	183	.....	183
Periodicals, bound.....	228	.....	228
	4,567	874	5,441
Language.			
English.....	4,130	874	5,004
French.....	188	.....	188
German.....	229	.....	229
Other.....	20	.....	20
	4,567	874	5,441

MAY 1, 1899—APRIL 30, 1900.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Worn out and condemned.....	2,427
Lost and paid for.....	137
Destroyed by fire, etc.....	46
Charged to readers.....	127
Total.....	2,737
Total additions	5,441
Less above	2,737
Net increase.....	2,704

Of the 2,427 volumes worn out, 499 were replaced by new copies ; of the 137 volumes lost and paid for, 45 were replaced ; and of the 46 volumes destroyed, 6 were replaced.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

The additions to the collection by exchange and gift amount to a total of 3,833 volumes, 6,539 pamphlets, and 479 periodicals. A complete list, with the names of the donors, will be found in an appendix. The more noteworthy gifts were 1,850 volumes and 250 pamphlets from the St. Louis Republic, through the kindness of Mr. Charles W. Knapp ; 112 volumes and 25 pamphlets from Hon. John W. Noble ; 171 volumes and 15 pamphlets—in French—from Mr. W. A. Gregory ; 43 volumes of Victoria Institute Transactions from Mrs. D. S. Tuttle ; and 18 directories from the Gould Directory Company.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

A careful inventory showed the following :

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY, JUNE 1, 1900.

Classes.	Ref.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy.....	183	1,207	.....	1,390
Religion	2,145	2,987	.....	5,132
Social Science.....	13,457	4,856	1	18,314
Natural Science.....	9,220	7,319	.....	16,539
Art and Poetry.....	1,384	5,986	3	7,373
Fiction	312	23,301	370	23,983
Juvenile Literature.....	342	19,754	.....	20,096
Literary Miscellany.....	1,937	5,195	5	7,137
Travels and History.....	2,845	12,721	5	15,571
Cyclopædias and Periodicals	9,003	1,492	1	10,496
Total.....	40,828	84,818	385	126,031
Unentered duplicates and books not yet catalogued, (about).....				6,000
Total (about).....				132,000

CONTENTS BY ROOMS.

Circulation Department.	
Regular Library.....	84,495
Coll. of Duplicates.....	385
Froebel Collection.....	323
	85,203
Medical, foreign documents and other reference books in Circulation Department	2,535
	87,738

Reference Department.			
Public Document Room.....			11,431
U. S. (Hall, etc.,)			6,766
Reading-room (other than U. S.).....			703
Art Department.....			2,000
Catalogue Room			298
Office.....			41
Reference Room.....	}	13,870	
McAnally Collection.....		3,184	17,054
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			126,031

BINDING.

During the year 8,486 volumes were sent to the bindery. Of these, 764 volumes, chiefly periodicals, were bound for the first time, and 7,722 were rebound. The average cost of the latter was 40 cents. There were, also, 8,904 volumes repaired in the Library at an average cost of 4 cents a volume.

CIRCULATION.

The total home circulation for the year was 707,823, a gain of 9,484 ; Library and Reference Room—66,966, a gain of 1,234 ; Reading Room—201,886, a gain of 6,103 : total issue of books and periodicals, 976,675, a gain of 16,281. The chief gain was at the main desk and was almost entirely through the Collection of Duplicates. There was a loss in the Delivery Stations of 1,250, and in supplementary reading of 1,224. This last may be partly explained by the large amount of supplementary reading furnished by the School Board, often duplicating our sets.

The Library was open every day in the year. The largest week-day issue was—home use 5,844, Reading and Reference Room 1,197, a total of 7,041. The smallest week-day issue was—home use 1,330, Reading and Reference Room 462, a total of 1,792. The average daily issue for home use was 1,939. The average Sunday issue was 307.

Figures in detail will be found in the following tables :

ISSUE BY MONTHS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1900.

	HOME ISSUE.				Library.	Reading Room.	Total.
	Main Library.	Delivery Stations.	Schools.	Total.			
May.....	35935	19468	9617	65020	4554	14774	84348
June	32042	15960	554	48556	3576	12402	64534
July	33911	14950	30	48891	3922	12047	64860
August	33781	14425		48206	4153	10855	63214
September	32775	14395	2200	49370	3880	12242	65492
October	35674	14168	5965	55807	5765	14397	75969
November	38529	15496	8083	62108	6378	18092	86578
December	34145	15498	2359	52002	6594	21611	80207
January	44561	17986	6412	68959	7852	23733	100544
February.....	37633	17392	5308	60333	6714	22802	89849
March	44938	21549	12176	78663	7234	22686	108583
April	37794	17864	14250	69908	6344	16245	92497
Total	441718	199151	66954	707823	66966	201886	976675
1898-99	429760	200401	68178	698339	65732	195783	959854
Gain.....	11958			9484	1234	6103	16821
Loss		1250	1224				

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy	3386	.47	1131	1.68	4517	.58
Religion	3649	.51	2493	3.72	6142	.79
Social Science	7814	1.11	5312	7.93	13126	1.69
Natural Science	16800	2.37	6999	10.45	23799	3.20
Art	6024	.85	4127	6.17	10151	1.32
Poetry	11455	1.62	5137	7.67	16592	2.12
Fiction	383267	54.14	8898	13.20	392165	50.61
Juvenile	219016	30.94	1057	1.57	220073	28.41
Literary Miscellany	13412	1.88	5543	8.30	18955	2.34
Travels	9529	1.39	3924	6.00	13453	1.74
History	14380	2.03	3536	5.18	17916	2.33
Biography	9262	1.30	7082	10.57	16344	2.10
Cyclopaedias and Magazines	9829	1.39	11727	17.56	21556	2.77
Total	707823	100.00	66966	100.00	774789	100.00

LIBRARY AND READING ROOM ISSUE FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1900.

	Library Use.	Reading Room.	Total.
May	4,554	14,774	19,328
June	3,576	12,402	15,978
July	3,922	12,047	15,969
August	4,153	10,855	15,008
September	3,880	12,242	16,122
October	5,765	14,397	20,162
November	6,378	18,092	24,470
December	6,594	21,611	28,205
January	7,852	23,733	31,585
February	6,714	22,802	29,516
March	7,234	22,686	29,920
April	6,344	16,245	22,589
Total	66,966	201,886	268,852
Average	5,580	16,284	22,404

HOLIDAY ISSUE, 1899-1900.

	Home Issue.	Library.	Reading Room.	Total.
Decoration Day	1,271	162	535	1,968
Fourth of July	209	42	215	466
Labor Day	1,297	130	330	1,757
Thanksgiving Day	378	105	412	895
Christmas Day	37	47	343	427
New Year's Day	387	133	328	848
Washington's Birthday	1,938	235	870	3,043
Total	5,517	854	3,033	9,404
Average	788	122	433	1,343

TOTAL CIRCULATION BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00
Home	331426	472718	551059	647171	698339	707823
Reference and Library	40628	46082	51240	69070	65732	66966
Reading-room	165359	170142	184729	204259	195783	201886
Total	537413	688942	787028	920500	959854	976675

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATE ISSUE BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY
WAS MADE FREE.

	'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00
May	612	1394	990	1258	1096	1401
June	542	1222	978	1160	1625	1324
July	643	1192	900	1034	1029	1320
August	733	1225	930	985	1102	1574
September	666	1016	878	972	917	1707
October	771	1130	995	1367	1307	1930
November	931	1302	1046	1643	1281	2230
December	987	1257	1181	1894	1423	2577
January	1190	1469	1389	1858	1507	3082
February	1482	1489	1413	1670	1491	2536
March	1780	1378	1380	1680	1591	3548
April	1649	1085	1396	1394	1446	2755
Total	11986	15159	13476	16915	15815	25984
Average	990	1266	1123	1409	1269	2165

Largest Sunday issue, January 21,
1900.

Library issue.....	90
Reading-room issue	356
Total.....	446

Smallest Sunday issue, July 21,
1899.

Library issue.....	23
Reading-room issue.....	78
Total.....	101

Average daily issue.

Home issue	1,939
Library issue.....	186
Reading-room issue	553
Total.....	2,678

Average week-day issue.

Home issue.....	2,261
Library issue.....	203
Reading-room issue	604
Total.....	3,068

Total Sunday issue.

Library use.....	3,379
Reading-room.....	12,587
Total.....	15,966

Average Sunday issue.

Library use.....	65
Reading-room.....	242
Total.....	307

DELIVERY STATIONS, DEPOSITORIES, TRAVELING
LIBRARIES, Etc.

Out of a total of 707,823 volumes drawn for reading outside of the Li-
brary, 266,105 were distributed through delivery stations or by means of
boxes of books that were sent to the public schools, or from small collections
deposited in public schools and Sunday schools, in self-culture halls, social
settlements, etc. At the close of the year forty delivery stations were in op-
eration, of which twenty had daily deliveries and the others deliveries twice
a week. Sets of supplementary reading to the number of 228 went on their
rounds through the schools. In March a number of public schools in the
outlying sections of the city were supplied with collections for permanent
deposit. Collections had previously been deposited in a number of Sunday
schools, several self-culture halls, social settlements and one factory. A
number of the Sunday school collections were withdrawn and the size of
others decreased, because they were so little used. It has been difficult to

obtain regular reports from some Sunday schools, and in a few cases trouble has been experienced in securing the return of books.

We had, at the close of the year, 228 sets, each containing twenty-five or thirty copies of a book carefully chosen for supplementary reading, which during the year were drawn by the following schools :

Columbia, Stoddard, Penrose, Clinton, Lyon, Carr, Hodgen, Cote Briliante, Sherman, Pestalozzi, Riddick, Meramac, Carondelet, Ames, Arlington, Webster, Clifton Heights, Laclede, Benton, Chouteau, Harrison, Gratiot, Elleardville, Eliot, Pope, Dozier, Shepard, Grant, Humboldt, Fremont, Franklin, Ashland, Shields, Monroe, Madison, L'Ouverture, Garnett, Wheatley, Jackson, Marquette, Walnut Park, Froebel, Mt. Pleasant, Charless, Lafayette, Adams, Irving Night School, Douglas, Des Peres, Washington, Clay, Jefferson, Wayman Crow, Dumas.

The registration through the delivery stations was 4,060.

The collections at railway power houses were withdrawn during the year, as the issue did not justify their continuance.

After January 1st, under a new and more favorable contract, arrangements were made for daily deliveries at ten additional stations, making in all twenty stations thus served.

The whole station system is divided into north and south routes, the wagon from the first of which is scheduled to arrive at the Library at 9 A.M., leaving at 11 A.M. The second arrives at 10:45 A.M., and leaves at 2 P.M. The new contractor has provided for the service two strong wagons, appropriately lettered, with hardy stock, and the service is all that was promised and highly satisfactory. Changes in the arrangement of the room have greatly facilitated the work of this department. Printed rules have been framed and hung up in every station.

The issue of each station is given in the following table :

1.....	6,312	21.....	2,991
2.....	8,206	22.....	11,346
3.....	3,443	23.....	7,125
4.....	7,085	24.....	3,415
5.....	4,560	25.....	8,641
6.....	3,466	26.....	1,258
7.....	3,313	27.....	2,859
8.....	4,710	28.....	1,158
9.....	1,317	29.....	4,503
10.....	7,259	30.....	3,219
11.....	3,668	31.....	2,746
12.....	2,548	32.....	1,964
13.....	2,252	33.....	8,293
14.....	16,766	34.....	2,419
15.....	2,924	35.....	731
16.....	4,721	36.....	3,556
17.....	3,719	37.....	2,005
18.....	5,765	38.....	3,542
19.....	4,968	39.....	268
20.....	8,007	40.....	359

Public schools (supplementary reading), 66,954; Shepard School (depository), 2,908; Second Baptist Sunday School (weekly delivery), 5,332; Sunday schools and other depositories, 12,624; railway power houses, 599; self-culture hall, 281; total, 266,105.

MR. CARNEGIE'S GIFT.

The presentation of this report comes at the dawning of a new epoch in the history of the Library. The generous offer of Mr. Carnegie, with its wise conditions of self-help, will immeasurably increase the influence of the institution. His gift will supply the most pressing need, a commodious, fire-proof and convenient building; and the conditions attached to it will provide for the proper maintenance of the Library and the branches to be built in the next few years; and by the time a larger revenue shall be needed, the benefits of the expanded library will be so manifest that the public will be willing to vote a farther increase of the rate, if the growth of assessed valuation does not keep pace with the developing system of branch libraries. Thanks to Mr. Carnegie's munificence, the future we had hoped for and believed in is at hand.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. }

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius, personally known to me, who, being duly sworn by me, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1900, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct.

EDW. L. PREETORIUS,
Chairman Auditing Committee,
Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, a notary public for the city of St. Louis, this first day of April, 1901.

(Seal.)

H. A. BERKEMEYER,

My term expires June 10, 1902.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. }

Before the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed before me this 1st day of April, 1901.

(Seal.)

GUSTAVUS M. BAARE,
Notary Public.

My term expires March 13, 1905.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS, MAY 1, 1899—APRIL 30, 1900.

3833 volumes and 6539 pamphlets, 479 periodicals, were received as exchanges and donations from 1435 sources, as follows:—

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Abell, A. S. & Co. Baltimore.....	1		Baille's Institution. Free Library.		
Academy of Natural Science.....	1		Glasgow, <i>Scotland</i>	1	
Aguilar Free Library. N. Y. City..	7		Baldwin, F. S. Boston.....	1	
Alabama. Agric. Exp. Station....	4		Baltimore. Chamber of Commerce	16	
— Geol. Survey.....	3		— City Library.....	3	
— State Auditor.....	2		Bangor, <i>Me.</i> Public Library.....	1	
— Industrial and Scientific Soc..	3		Banta, T. M. N. Y. City.....	1	
— State Bar Assoc.....	9		Barbee, <i>Mrs.</i> C. M.....	1	
Allerton, W. S. N. Y. City.....	1		Barnes Medical College. St. Louis	1	
Amer. Academy of Polit. and So-			Bate, W. B. Nashville, <i>Tenn.</i>	1	
cial Science.....	3		Bayer Company, Ltd. Elberfeld,		
Amer. Agriculturist Library.....	1		<i>Germany</i>	5	2
Amer. Anti-Imperialist League.....	12		Beebe Town Library. Wakefield,		
Amer. Anti-Trust League.....	58		<i>Mass.</i>	1	
Amer. Antiquarian Soc.....	1		Belgium. Dept. of Agric. and		
Amer. Assoc. for Advancement of			Public Works.....	27	
Science.....	1		— Dept. of Foreign Affairs.....	5	
Amer. Banker's Assoc.....	1		— Dept. of Interior and Pub. In-		
Amer. Baptist Publication Soc.....	1		struction.....	1	
Amer. Bar Assoc.....	1		Belleville, <i>Ill.</i> Public Library....	1	1
Amer. Board of Comm. for Foreign			Berlin. Bur. of Statistics.....	1	
Missions.....	16		— Magistrates.....	3	
Amer. Book Co.....	9		Bernd, H. St. Louis.....	1	
Amer. Church Missionary Soc.....	5		Birmingham, <i>Ala.</i> Public Schools	1	
Amer. Climatological Assoc.....	1		Birmingham, <i>Eng.</i> Free Libraries		
Amer. Colonization Soc.....	4		Comm.....	1	
Amer. Congregational Soc.....	2		Blaetter für Volksbibliotheken.		
Amer. Fisheries Soc.....	7		Leipzig, <i>Ger.</i>	1	
Amer. Institute of Architects.....	2		Borgen, V. Copenhagen, <i>Denmark</i>	1	
Amer. Inst. of Electrical Engineers	1		Boston. Auditor.....	1	
Amer. Inst. of Homœopathy.....	1		— Board of Overseers of the		
Amer. Laryngological Asso.....	1		Poor.....	2	
Amer. Medico-Psychological			— Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
Assoc.....	1		— Children's Aid Soc.....	1	
Amer. National Red Cross Relief			— Children's Institutions Dept..	1	1
Comm.....	1		— Dept. of Parks.....	1	
Amer. Negro Academy.....	5		— Health Dept.....	1	3
Amer. Numismatic and Archæolo-			— Improved Dwelling Assoc.....	1	
gical Soc.....	1		— Industrial Aid Soc.....	1	
Amer. Park and Outdoor Art			— Industrial School for Crippled		
Assoc.....	2		and Deformed Children.....	1	
Amer. School of Osteopathy.....	7		— Mayor.....	1	
Amer. Social Science Assoc.....	1		— Museum of Fine Arts.....	1	
Amer. Soc. for Prevention of Cru-			— Provident Assoc.....	5	
elty to Animals.....	2		— Public Library.....	41	88
Amer. Soc. of Civil Engineers.....	2		— School Committee.....	4	17
Amer. Swedenborg Printing &			— Soc. for Medical Improve-		
Publ. Co.....	3		ment.....	1	
Amer. Union League Soc.....	1		— Architectural Club.....	1	
Amer. Unitarian Assoc.....	1		— Athenæum.....	1	
Amer. Waltham Watch Co. Walt-			— Bar Assoc.....	1	
ham, <i>Mass.</i>	6		— Book Co.....	5	
Amherst College. Amherst, <i>Mass.</i>	4		— Transit Commission.....	4	
Anglo-Amer. Publ. Co. N. Y. City..	5		— Women's Educational and In-		
Anonymous.....	18	14	dustrial Union.....	1	
Anti-Imperialist League. Wash.,			— Young Men's Christian Union..	1	
<i>D. C.</i>	39		Bostonian Society.....	1	
Arizona. Agricultural Exp. Sta-			Bowditch, <i>Dr.</i> V. Y. Boston.....	3	
tion.....	3		Bowdoin College. Brunswick, <i>Me.</i>	1	3
Arkansas. Bureau of Mines.....	1		Boyd, D. Greeley, <i>Colo.</i>	1	
Armour Inst. of Technology. Chi-			Branch, O. St. Louis.....	1	
cago, <i>Ill.</i>	1		Brandenberger, W. A. St. Louis..	3	
Art League of St. Louis.....	3		Breslau, H. Handelshammer.		
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fé R.			<i>Prussia</i>	1	
R. Co.....	2		Bridgeport Public Library. <i>Conn.</i>	1	
Augsburg Carding & Spinning Mill.			Brinley heirs. Phil.....	5	
Augsburg, <i>Germany</i>	1		Bristol (<i>Eng.</i>) Public Library.....	1	
Australia. Dept. of Land and			Broadhead, G. C. Columbia, <i>Mo.</i>	1	
Surveys.....	1	6	Brockton, <i>Mass.</i> Public Library..	6	

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Bronson Library. Waterbury, Conn.....	3		Cockrell, Hon. F. M. Warrensburg, Mo.....	1	
Brookline, Mass. Public Library.....	18		College Settlements Assoc. N. Y. City.....	1	
— Educational Society.....	1		Colorado. Agric. Exp. Station.....	4	
Brooklyn, N. Y. Public Library.....	2		— Bur. of Mines.....	5	
Brosnahan, Rev. T. Woodstock, Md.....	1	1	— State Fish Comm'r.....	1	
Brown University. Providence, R. I.....	1		— State Insurance Dept.....	1	1
Buchmueller, S. St. Louis.....	12		— State School of Mines.....	2	
Buffalo. Charity Organizations Society.....	1		— Supt. of Public Instruction.....	2	2
— Public Library.....	5		— University. Boulder, Colo.....	1	
Bunker Hill Boys' Club.....	1		Columbia Theater. St. Louis.....	1	
Bunker Hill Monument Assoc.....	1		Columbia University. N. Y. City.....	2	
Burnham, Rev. M. St. Louis.....	13		Columbian University. Washington, D. C.....	1	
Burr, Mrs. C. P. St. Louis.....	9		Columbus, O. Public School Library.....	2	
Bussey Institution. Jamaica Plains, Mass.....	1		Concord, N. H. Public Library.....	1	
Byars, W. V. Kirkwood, Mo.....	1		Congregational Home Missionary Soc.....	2	
Byford, Dr. H. T. Phil.....	1		Connecticut. Bank Commr's.....	1	
Bynum, Hon. W. D. Indianapolis, Ind.....	11		— Bd. of Agric.....	1	
Caffin, Miss M. B. Boston.....	1		— Bd. of Education.....	3	
California. Bur. of Labor Statistics.....	1		— Bur. of Labor Statistics.....	1	
— Insurance Comm'r.....	2	2	— Inspector of Factories.....	1	
— Secretary of State.....	1		— R. R. Commr's.....	1	1
— State Agricultural Soc.....	1		— State Bd. of Health.....	1	
— State Library.....	3	11	— State Library.....	7	3
— State Mining Bur.....	3		Continental Filter Co. N. Y. City.....	1	
— University of California.....	1	11	Corey, D. P. Malden, Mass.....	1	
Cambridge, Eng. Public Library.....	1		Cornell, Rev. F. W. St. Louis.....	1	
Cambridge, Mass. Public Library.....	1		Cornell Univ. Agric. Exp. Station. Ithaca, N. Y.....	35	
Canada. Auditor General.....	2	1	Cotgreave, A. London, Eng.....	5	
— Dept. of Agric.....	1		Council Bluffs, Iowa. Free Public Library.....	1	
— Dept. of Trade and Commerce.....	2	13	Crunden, Mrs. F. M. St. Louis.....	5	50
— Geographic Board.....	1		Crunden, F. M. St. Louis.....	5	50
— Geol. Survey Dept.....	1	9	Cuba. Supt. of Schools. Havana, Cuba.....	1	
— Inland Revenue Dept.....	5		Cundall, J. W. London, Eng.....	2	
— Secretary of State.....	2		Dana, C. A. N. Y. City.....	1	
— Supt. of Immigration.....	2		Daniels, W. C. Denver, Colo.....	2	
Cannon, J. G. N. Y. City.....	15		Dartmouth College. Hanover, N. H.....	1	
Carlsruhe. Bibliothek des Polytechnicums. Germany.....	6		Day, Rev. J. W. St. Louis.....	2	
— Grossherzoglich Badische Landes-Gewerbehalle.....	5		Dayton, O. Public Library.....	2	
Carnegie Free Library. Allegheny, Pa.....	3		De Flers, H. Paris, France.....	1	
Carnegie Library. Homestead, Pa.....	4		Deiler, J. H. New Orleans, La.....	3	
Carnegie Library. Pittsburgh, Pa.....	6		De Laval Separator Co. N. Y. City.....	4	
Carter, T. W. St. Louis.....	1		Delaware. Adjutant General.....	1	
Castle Square Opera Co. St. Louis.....	1		Denison, Dr. C. Denver.....	2	
Century Theater. St. Louis.....	1		Denver. Bur. of Health.....	6	
Chadwick, Rev. J. W.....	1		Depew, Hon. C. M. N. Y. City.....	8	
Chavannes, A. Knoxville, Tenn.....	10		Des Moines. Public Library.....	1	
Chicago. Academy of Sciences.....	19		Detroit. Bd. of Education.....	1	
— Board of Public Works.....	4		— Public Library.....	1	
— Bur. of Justice.....	5		Diescher, S. Pittsburgh, Pa.....	4	
— Comm. on Education.....	4		District of Col. Charities and Reform Insts.....	1	
— Fire Marshal.....	1		— Public Library.....	1	
— Public Library.....	1		Dr. Barnardo's Home. London, Eng.....	1	
— South Park Comm'r's.....	1		Doneghy, Mrs. J. O. St. Louis.....	264	
— University of Chicago.....	1	2	Dover, N. H. Public Library.....	2	
Children's Home Soc. of Missouri.....	1		Drexel Institute. Phil.....	4	
Chivers, C. Bath, Eng.....	1		Du Chastel, O. Paris, France.....	1	
Cincinnati. Comm'r's of Water Works.....	4		Dunlop, G. H. Hollywood, Cal.....	1	
— Observatory.....	1		Eaton, B. D. M. St. Louis.....	1	
— Public Library.....	6		Eaton & Co. Chicago.....	1	
Clark, Hon. C. Bowling Green, Mo.....	8		Eau Claire, Wis. Public Library.....	1	
Clark, G. T. Oswego, N. Y.....	1		Elisha Mitchell Scientific Soc. Chapel Hill, N. C.....	2	
Clark, U. San Jose, California.....	1	18	Emmet, Dr. T. A. New York City.....	1	
Clayton, H. D. Eufaula, Ala.....	1		Enoch Pratt Free Library. Baltimore.....	1	
Clerkenwell, London, Eng. Public Library.....	1		Essex Institute. Salem, Mass.....	1	
Cleveland. Bd. of Education.....	2		Evanston, Ill. Free Public Library.....	1	
— Chamber of Commerce.....	1		Fairbrother, Dr. H. C. East St. Louis, Ill.....	1	
— City Clerk.....	1		Fall River, Mass. Public Library.....	1	
— Municipal Assoc.....	6				
Olive, W. B. London, Eng.....	1				

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Field Columbian Museum. Chi- cago.....	17		— Anti-Vivisection Soc.....	10	
Fletcher Free Library. Burling- ton, <i>Vt.</i>	1		— Attorney General.....	1	
Florida. Agric. Exp. Station.....	4		— Auditor.....	8	2
— Secretary of State.....	3		— Bd. of Live Stock Comm'rs... ..	3	
Forbes Library. Northampton, <i>Mass.</i>	1		— Bd. of Public Charities.....	1	
Fourteenth Street Theatre. St. Louis.....	1		— Bur. of Labor Statistics.....	4	
France. Ministère des Travaux Publics.....	2		— Canal Comm'rs.....	2	
Frankfurt a. M. Freiherrlich Carl von Rothschild'sche öffentliche Bibliothek.....	1		— Insurance Supt.....	2	
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Social Reform Union. Alhambra,			deavor. Boston.....	3	
Cal.....	34		U. S. Bur. of Amer. Republics.....	2	
Société Anonyme des Charbon-			— Bur. of Education.....	15	
nages. Marienburg. Bel-			— Civil Service Commission.....	1	1
gium.....	18		— Comm'rs of the District of		
Society for the Protection of			Columbia.....	1	
Ancient Buildings. London,			— Dept. of Agriculture.....	6	459
Eng.....	10		— Dept. of Interior.....	8	302
Society of American Authors. N.			— Dept. of Justice.....	3	
Y. City.....	2		— Dept. of Labor.....	2	6
Society of Colonial Wars. N. Y.			— Dept. of State.....	3	12
City.....	2		— Fish Comm'n.....	1	6
Society of Mayflower Descend-			— Industrial Commission.....	29	
ants. Washington, D. C.....	1		— Interstate Commerce Comm'n	3	5
Sons of Amer. Revolution. Mis-			— Library of Congress.....	1	8
souri Society. St. Louis.....	1		— Naval Observatory.....	3	
South Carolina. Agric. Exp. Sta-			— Navy Dept.....	7	
tion.....	4		— Philippine Commission.....	2	
— State Treasurer.....	1		— Post Office Dept.....	8	
South Carolina College. Columbia			— Public Printer.....	9	
South Dakota. Agric. Exp. Sta-			— Senate.....	5	
tion.....	3		— Supt. of Documents.....	281	176
South Orange, N. J. Free Public			— Treasury Dept.....	21	126
Circulating Library.....	1		— War Dept.....	13	175
Speck, Mrs. L. C. St. Louis.....	11	173	University of Illinois. State Li-		
Spindler, W. Berlin, Ger.....	1		brary School.....	1	
Spore, Dr. W. D. City of Mexico			Uruguay. Bur. d'Exchange In-		
Springfield, Mass. City Library			ternationaux de publications..	1	
Assoc.....	13		Utah. Agric. Exp. Station.....	3	11
Standard Theatre. St. Louis.....	1		Valentine, G. G. Richmond, Va..	2	
Stecher, Mrs. S. V. St. Louis.....	24	266	Valentine, J. J. San Francisco...	10	
Stechert, G. E. N. Y. City.....	1		Vanderbeck, Dr. C. C. St. Louis..	6	
Stevens, B. F. London, Eng.....	1		Vassar College. Poughkeepsie,		
Stevens, H. Boston.....	2		N. Y.....	4	
Stevens & Brown (Formerly B. F.			Vaught, Mrs. M. E. Chicago.....	2	
Stevens).....	2		Verein Osterreichisch-Ungaris-		
Stevens Institute of Technology.			chen Buchhändler. Vienna,		
Hoboken, N. J.....	1		Austria.....	1	
Stickel, Mrs. J. M. St. Louis.....	19		Vermont. Agric. Exp. Station.....	4	
Stryker, W. S. Trenton, N. J.....	15		— Comm'rs of Fisheries and		
Sturtevant Co., B. F. Boston.....	1	5	Game.....	1	
Suddick, L. F. St. Louis.....	1		— Dairymen's Assoc.....	2	
Sulzer, Hon. W. N. Y. City.....	1		— Library Comm'rs.....	2	
Sunset Club. Chicago.....	3	3	— State Bd. of Agriculture.....	1	
Superior Consolidated Land Co.			— State Geologist.....	1	
Superior, Wis.....	1		— State Library.....	4	1

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Vest, <i>Hon. G. G.</i> Kansas City, <i>Mo.</i>	1		Westchester County Historical Society. Westchester, <i>N. Y.</i>	3	
Victoria, <i>N. S. W.</i> Public Library, Museums, etc	2		Weymouth, <i>G. N. Y.</i> City	1	
Victoria University Library. Toronto, <i>Canada</i>	1		Wheelock, <i>E. M.</i> Austin, <i>Texas</i>	1	
Vieille-Montague. Chénée, <i>Belgium</i>	1	5	Wilkinson, <i>Prof. C. W.</i> Chicago	1	1
Vierth, <i>F. Pub.</i> Cedar Rapids, <i>Ia.</i>	2		William Jewell College. Liberty, <i>Mo.</i>	1	
Virginia. Agric. Exp. Station	9		Williams, <i>Rev. M. C.</i> St. Louis	2	
— University of Virginia	1		Wilmington Institute. Wilmington, <i>Delaware</i>	1	
Virginia State Bar Assoc.	1		Winship, <i>T.</i> Durban, Natal, <i>Africa</i>	1	
Von Schrenk, <i>H.</i> St. Louis	3		Wisconsin. Adjutant-General	1	
Wagner, <i>Miss S.</i> St. Louis	2	5	— Commissioners of Fisheries	1	
Waltham, <i>Mass.</i> Public Library	7		— Dairy and Food Comm'r	1	
Ward, <i>Rev. D. J. H.</i> Manhattan, <i>Kansas</i>	17		— Free Library Commission	11	
Ward, Whiteway & Co. West Ham, <i>Eng.</i>	3		— Insurance Comm'rs	5	1
Warder, <i>Hon. G. W.</i> Kansas City	1		— State Bd. of Control	1	3
Warder Public Library. Springfield, <i>Ohio</i>	1		— State Bd. of Health	2	3
Warren County Library. Monmouth, <i>Ill.</i>	3		— State Historical Society	2	
Washington (<i>State</i>). Fish Comm'r and Game Warden	2		— State Supt. of Schools	3	
— Supt. of Public Instruction	4		— University	5	
Washington Heights Free Library. N. Y. City	1		Wisconsin Academy of Science, Arts and Letters. Madison, <i>Wis.</i>	5	
Washington State Historical Library. Tacoma, <i>Wash.</i>	1		Witt, <i>Mrs. T. D.</i> St. Louis	21	18
Washington University. St. Louis	9		Woburn, <i>Mass.</i> Public Library	2	
Washington University Assoc. St. Louis	1		Woman's Education Assoc.	1	
Webster, <i>S. D.</i> St. Louis	1		Worcester, <i>Mass.</i> Free Public Library	20	
Webster Groves, <i>Mo.</i> Public Library	1		— Polytechnic Institute	1	
Wellesley College. Wellesley, <i>Mass.</i>	2		Wyoming. State Bd. of Charities and Reform	8	
Werner School Book Co. Chicago	1		— Supt. of Public Instruction	1	
Wesleyan University. Middletown, <i>Conn.</i>	3		— University. Laramie	3	
West, <i>J. H. & Co.</i> Boston	1		Yale University. New Haven, <i>Conn.</i>	3	
			Yerkes Observatory. (Univ. of Chicago)	1	8
			Young Men's Christian Assoc. of Missouri. St. Louis	1	
			Young Women's Christian Assoc. of New York City	1	
			Zaehnsdorf, <i>J.</i> London, <i>Eng.</i>	1	

Columbia.

Review ...
St. Paul, Minn.

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Mo'ly .. Monthly
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Sydney, <i>Australia</i> . Farm and Dairy.....Monthly	— American Inventor.....Weekly
— Sydney Morning Herald.....Daily	— Forester.....Monthly
Syracuse, <i>N. Y.</i> Journal of Pedagogy.....Quarterly	— Inventive Age.....Monthly
Tennessee City, <i>Tenn.</i> Coming Nation.....Weekly	— Jeffersonian Democrat.....Monthly
Terre Haute, <i>Ind.</i> Toiler.....Weekly	— National Elks' Horn.....Monthly
— Vaccination.....Monthly	— National Watchman.....Weekly
Toledo, <i>O.</i> Toledo Non-Partisan.....Weekly	— Postal Record.....Monthly
— Toledo Saturday Night.....Weekly	— Public Health Reports.....Weekly
Topeka. Western School Journal.....Monthly	Washington, <i>D. C.</i> Uncle Sam's American Flag.....Weekly
Toronto. Canada Educational.....Monthly	— U. S. Congressional Records.....Monthly
— Citizen and Country.....Weekly	— U. S. Consular Reports.....Monthly
— Fred Bury's Journal.....Monthly	— U. S. Consular Special.....Irregular
— Lamp.....Monthly	— U. S. Department News Eagle.....Weekly
— Searchlight.....Monthly	— U. S. Patent Office. Official Gazette.....Weekly
Urbana, <i>Ill.</i> Chautauqua Journal.....Monthly	— U. S. Weather Bureau. Climate and Crop Service.....Monthly
— O. New Philosophy.....Monthly	Wheaton, <i>Ill.</i> Wheaton College Record.....Monthly
— University Courant.....Monthly	Wilmington, <i>Del.</i> "Justice".....Weekly
Victoria, <i>B. C.</i> Victoria Daily Times.....Daily	York, <i>Penn.</i> Lutheran Missionary Journal.....Monthly
Vineland, <i>N. Y.</i> Kosmos.....Monthly	
Wardner, <i>B. C.</i> International.....Weekly	
Washington, <i>D. C.</i> American Federationist.....Monthly	

MEDICAL PERIODICALS.

Denver. Denver Medical Times.....Monthly	St. Louis. Clinique.....Monthly
Ft. Wayne. Ft. Wayne Medical Magazine.....Monthly	— Medical Brief.....Monthly
New York (<i>City</i>). American Druggist.....Semi-Monthly	— Medical Fortnightly.....Semi-Monthly
	— Medical Mirror.....Monthly
	— Meyer Brothers Druggist.....Monthly

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ANNUAL REPORT
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ST. LOUIS, MO., March 13th, 1902.

Hon. Rolla Wells, Mayor, St. Louis, Mo.:

DEAR SIR—I submit herewith the report of the Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library for the year ending April 1st, 1901.

This report shows the financial condition and work done by the Library during the period.

There is from year to year an increasing use made of the Library by the people of our city, but to its highest efficiency a central building and branch buildings in different portions of the city are essential.

The members of the Board are striving to secure these buildings without material expense to the municipality. Mr. Andrew Carnegie has generously offered to donate one million of dollars for buildings, and citizens of St. Louis have volunteered liberal aid for the purpose of securing the ground belonging to the city, and known as Missouri Park, as a site for the central building.

An ordinance with this in view is now pending before the Municipal Assembly, and if this is passed, the Board believes that when it makes its next report it can announce as an assured fact a great library building in the city of St. Louis in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. LEHMANN,

*President of the Board of Directors
of the Public (Free) Library.*

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to present herewith my annual report for the year ending April 30, 1901.

During this year the number of books issued for home reading increased from 707,823 to 740,179, and the total issue from *976,675 to 998,597. More than 14,000 volumes were added to the collection, of which an unusually large number—2,967—were gifts. At the end of the year the Library contained about 144,000 volumes. This progress was made despite appropriations that were necessarily inadequate—owing to large payments on the building site. Not only was the book fund insufficient this year, but it was even smaller the two preceding years. Books are the life of a library. Dearth of new books necessarily lessens its popularity and usefulness.

FINANCES.

The following exhibit gives in detail the receipts and expenditures for the year ending April 8, 1901. This is not exactly the end of the library year; but our financial statement must extend only to this date, in order to agree with the City Hall books, which are closed on the second Monday of April.

RECEIPTS.

The income from the city tax of one-fifth of a mill was \$75,727.18, an increase of \$1,945.71 over the previous year.

The receipts from fines were \$2,680.32, an increase of \$173.81; from books issued from the Collection of Duplicates, \$1,799.90, a gain of \$556.25; and from lost cards, \$259.10, an increase of \$43.50.

The rental from the Library property was \$525.96 more than last year.

EXPENDITURES.

The total expenditure for maintenance, including cost of books and furniture, was \$53,687.33, or \$7,897.85 more than the previous year. Nearly all of this was added to the book fund.

Salaries amounted to \$25,016.28, an increase of \$331.01; books, binding, and periodicals, \$14,930.03, an increase of \$6,129.18. This total includes \$9,913.96 for books, \$3,985.25 for binding, and \$1,120.82 for periodicals.

Payments amounting to \$35,366.34 were made on the Olive Street property.

The furniture and repair account includes newspaper cases in the Reading Room, book-cases in the seventh floor hall and the Reference Room, two card cabinets, iron castings for stacks in the Reference Room, chairs for the Reading Room, ten desks for the delivery stations, and numerous repairs needed about the place. Several hundred dollars for insurance, paid too late to be included in this report, will be accounted for next year.

Last year it was decided to change the time for ordering stationery from January to July, when printers are less busy. A six months' order

*Most of these were added at the close of the year, too late to affect the circulation materially.

was given in January, 1900, to tide over until the middle of the year—when the full year's order was given. The bills for this short order did not come in until after the accounts for the year had been closed, and are, consequently, included with this year's stationery. The expenditure under this head, therefore, covers a year and a half.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 8, 1901.

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To bal. in City Treas., April 9, 1900,	\$ 3,306 40	
Collections, April 9, 1900—April 8, 1901.....	75,727 18	
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		\$79,033 58
Bal. in Bank Fund, April 5, 1900.....		9,115 90
Bal. in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1900.....		105 91
Collection of Duplicates		
Books issued,	1,799 90	
Magazines sold.....	51 70	
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	1,851 60	
Fines.....	2,680 32	
Books sold, lost and paid for	182 49	
Catalogues	65 60	
Lost cards.....	259 10	
Postals.....	34 00	
Miscellaneous	13 70	
Memberships.....	9 00	
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		5,095 81
Rent.....		13,501 46
Interest		98 23
Security for rent.....		300 00
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		107,250 89

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By salaries		25,016 28
Books.....	9,544 08	
Books, Collection of Duplicates	369 88	
Binding	3,895 25	
Periodicals	823 81	
" Collection of Duplicates	297 01	
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		14,930 03
Building Site (Interest and Principal notes, etc.)	35,366 34	
Rent.....	7,500 00	
Insurance.....	291 25	
Furniture and Repairs.....	1,726 66	
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		44,884 25
Expense.		
Printing and Stationery.....	1,487 16	
Delivery Stations.....	2,030 05	
Postage	202 63	
Sundries	369 64	
Supplies	128 78	
Advertising.....	4 85	
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		4,223 11
Total expenditures		89,053 67
Bal. in City Treasury, April 8, 1901.....		8,114 57
Bal. in Bank Fund.....		9,988 12
Bal. in Contingent Fund, April, 1901.....		94 53
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		\$107,250 89

The following tables show the receipts and expenditures from the time the Free Library Board assumed control and support of the institution to the close of the past year. The transfer was made in March, 1894, two months before the close of the fiscal year; hence the small amount recorded for desk receipts and expenditures, which cover only the months of March and April of that year.

It will be observed that the smallest expenditure of these seven years was for the year ending with April, 1900—the year before the one covered by this report. Notwithstanding, the circulation showed a gain of nearly 17,000. The small appropriation was necessitated by the draft on income for payments on the building site. This year's statistics of registration and circulation were inevitably affected adversely by the meagerness of the previous years.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894, TO APRIL, 1901.

RECEIPTS.

City Collections.	Desk Receipts.	Rent.	Insurance.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1894.....\$ 49,773 52	\$ 113 66				\$ 49,887 18
1895.....59,035 80	2,593 26			\$ 3 41	61,632 47
1896.....61,929 51	3,649 98	\$ 482 79		87 96	66,150 24
1897.....64,663 32	3,741 31	1,879 56		187 72	70,471 91
1898.....67,638 45	3,839 86	1,480 00		424 81	73,383 12
1899.....71,340 13	3,901 72	12,328 55	\$ 39,742 72	476 24	127,789 36
1900.....73,781 47	4,392 48	12,945 50		51 98	91,171 43
1901.....75,727 18	5,095 81	13,501 46		398 23	94,722 68
Total.....\$523,889 38	\$ 27,328 08	\$ 42,617 86	\$ 39,742 72	\$1,630 35	\$635,208 39

EXPENDITURES.

Maintenance.	Real Estate.	Total.
1894.....\$ 2,876 19		\$ 2,876 19
1895.....43,305 69		43,305 69
1896.....52,318 45	\$ 40,900 00	93,218 45
1897.....48,738 69	24,872 58	73,611 27
1898.....58,051 90	29,972 00	88,023 90
1899.....55,811 21	88,347 95	144,159 16
1900.....45,789 48	36,973 36	82,762 84
1901.....53,687 33	35,366 34	89,053 67
Total.....\$360,578 95	\$256,433 23	\$617,011 17

Balance in City Treasury, April 8, 1901.....	8,114 57
Balance in Bank Fund.....	9,988 12
Balance in Contingent Fund, April, 1901.....	94 53
	\$635,208 39

REGISTRATION.

A separate count has been made of the registration in each ward. The wards are given, not in numerical order, but according to number of registrations. This is the second year in which the registration has been kept by

wards. When three years shall have been thus recorded, we shall have the total registration by wards.

Registration to April 30, 1900		52,708
Registered May 1, 1900, to April 30, 1901.....	11,938	
Re-registered May 1, 1900, to April 30, 1901.....	7,524	19,462
Total registration.....		72,170
Cards expired and not renewed		20,977
Total cards in force.....		51,193
as follows:		
Men		12,934
Women		15,267
Children		22,891
Institutions		101
Total.....		51,193
Cards cancelled	23	
Guarantor withdrawn	116	
Held for fines, not called for, etc	2,000	2,139
Total cards in use.....		49,054

REGISTRATION BY WARDS FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1901.

Ward 4.....	290	Ward 27.....	644
18.....	318	19.....	668
14.....	322	16.....	683
7.....	373	13.....	684
15.....	389	11.....	693
1.....	392	9.....	730
5.....	392	3.....	768
12.....	399	22.....	839
23.....	469	20.....	854
8.....	495	10.....	1,009
6.....	544	24.....	1,262
2.....	570	26.....	1,262
21.....	577	28.....	1,394
17.....	587	25.....	1,451

ADDITIONS TO THE LIBRARY.

The additions for the year number 14,011, of which 10,485 were purchases, and 2,967 were donations. The gifts were unusual in number, and of more than ordinary value and usefulness. The additions included 591 volumes in the German language, 188 volumes in French, and 128 in other languages,—Polish, Spanish and Italian.

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1901.

Classes.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy.....	86	.....	86
Religion	208	1	209
Social Science.....	1,610	.....	1,610
Natural Science.....	1,596	.....	1,596
Art and Poetry.....	534	8	542
Fiction.....	3,066	887	3,953
Juvenile Literature.....	4,243	4	4,247
Literary Miscellany.....	389	5	394
Travels and History.....	940	5	945
Cyclopædias and Periodicals.....	429	.....	429
	13,101	910	14,011

Source.			
Purchase	9,575	910	10,485
Gift.....	2,967	.....	2,967
Pamphlets, bound.....	21	.....	21
Periodicals, bound	538	.....	538
	13,101	910	14,011
Language.			
English	12,194	910	13,104
French.....	188	.....	188
German.....	591	.....	591
Other	128	.....	128
	13,101	910	14,011

Periodicals to complete sets, 354.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Worn out and condemned.....	4,219
Lost and paid for.....	163
Charged to card-holders.....	140
Exchanged, sold and damaged.....	6
Total.....	4,528
Total additions	14,011
Less above	4,528
Net increase.....	9,483

Of 4,219 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 1,380 were replaced by new copies, as were also 58 volumes out of 163 lost and paid for. There were also one entered United States document returned to the Public Document Bureau, and one exchanged; 4 volumes damaged and retained by the borrower, after paying for a new copy; and 3 volumes lost and replaced. The extraordinary number of books withdrawn and condemned finds explanation in the small book fund of the two preceding years, which compelled the retention on the shelves of books that were unfit for circulation. The sure prospect of an increased fund led to a thorough overhauling of the shelves.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONS.

Among the more noteworthy purchases were the following:

AMICIS, E. de. Spain and the Spaniards. Q.
 ARMSTRONG, W. Gainsborough. F.
 BATEMAN, N. Hist. encyclopædia of Illinois. Q.
 BIBLE. The Hexateuch; ed. by J. E. Carpenter and G. H. Battersby. 2v. Q.
 BLISS, W. D. P. Encyclopædia of social reform. Q.
 BREHM, A. E. From north pole to equator. Q.
 COLUMBIAN cyclopædia. 40v. D.
 D'ANVERS, N., *ps.* Representative painters of the 19th century. Q.
 DAY, L. F. Windows, a book about stained and painted glass. O.
 DE ROO, P. History of America before Columbus. 2v. O.
 DRAKE, F. S. Indian tribes of the U. S. 2v. F.
 FOLEY, J. P. Jeffersonian cyclopædia. Q.
 FRANCO-German war; ed. by J. F. Maurice. Q.
 FULLER, G. W. Report on the purification of the Ohio River. F.
 GARDINER, S. R. History of the Commonwealth. v. 3. O.

- GARNETT, R., *and others*. Universal anthology. v. 1-24. Q.
 GUILLAUMOT *fils*. Costumes of the French revolution. F.
 HITTELL, J. S. History of the mental growth of mankind. 4v. O.
 HUEFFER, F. M. Ford Madox Brown. O.
 JOHNSON, R. History of the World's Columbian Exposition. 4v. Q.
 KAYSER, C. G. Vollstandiges Buecher-Lexikon. 1895-98. L-Z *and* Sachregister. Q.
 KING, C. W. Handbook of engraved gems. Q.
 KOEHLER, S. R., *and others*. American etchings. F.
 LIENARD, E. Specimens of the decoration of the 19th century. F.
 LITTLE, C. E. Cyclopædia of classified dates. Q.
 McILVAINE, C. Toadstools, mushrooms, fungi. Q.
 MACKAIL, J. W. Life of William Morris. 2v. O.
 MASPERO, G. Passing of the empires. Q.
 MELVILLE, L. Life of Thackeray. 2v. O.
 MILLAIS, J. G. Life and letters. 2v. Q.
 MORRIS, H. Human anatomy. Q.
 MUTHER, R. History of modern painting. Q.
 NASH, J. Mansions of England. F.
 PRIOR, E. S. History of Gothic art in England. Q.
 REVUE encyclopedique. 1899-1900. 2v. F.
 SIMCOX, E. J. Primitive civilizations. 2v. O.
 SWINBURNE, H. Courts of Europe. 2v. O.
 UNIVERSAL cyclopædia. 12v. Q.
 UNWIN, W. C. Testing of materials of construction. O.
 VIEL-CASTEL, H. de. Costumes of the French revolution. F.
 WESTCOTT, T. Centennial portfolio. D.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

The year 1899 showed the highest total of exchanges and donations: 2,492 volumes, and 8,490 pamphlets. This year is not far behind, with 2,435 volumes and 6,852 pamphlets. These came from 1,073 sources. A list of the individual donors is given in an appendix. These were all promptly acknowledged and reported to the Book Committee from month to month. They involved the writing of 407 letters and 1,211 postals to addresses in the United States, and 22 letters and 60 postals to foreign countries. The general character of the books and pamphlets received is indicated by the following rough classification:

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS, MAY, 1900—APRIL, 1901.

	Total.	
	Vols.	Pph.
Educational	36	413
Libraries	69	626
State and City	412	1,211
U. S	395	1,103
Miscellaneous	1,380	3,273
Foreign	43	326
Total	2,435	6,952

The last few years we have received more gifts of books from citizens than ever before. Some have been old books and magazines difficult to obtain by purchase, and valuable for reference; others have been recent books in first-class condition, which went immediately into active circulation, and thus saved the library a direct outlay. There are surely many thousand volumes of both classes lying unused on the book-shelves or in the attics of our citizens, which would be of service to the community if placed in the Public Library.

NOTEWORTHY GIFTS.

A majority of the more valuable donations received were from our own citizens—as will be seen from the subjoined list, which includes the more noteworthy. It will not be taken as an invidious distinction if I call attention to the trouble and expense incurred by Mr. Chas. R. Gregory in sending valuable pictures and boxes of books from Paris. Mr. Ramsay's gift, also, may properly receive special mention, because it included a number of very costly and valuable works on architecture.

	Vols.	Pph.
Atkinson, Robt., St. Louis.....	118	342
Baker, C. F., St. Louis.....	118	342
Baumgarten, Dr. Gustav, St. Louis.....	133	84
Bernays, Miss Thekla, St. Louis.....	89	38
Branch, Chas., St. Louis.....	27	
Bruckman, S. F., St. Louis.....	75	17
Carpenter, Mrs. Geo. O., St. Louis.....	16	
Christian Science Students' Association, Mrs. Ida P. McKeighan, Teacher, St. Louis.....	12	4
Clendenin, Mrs. Isabella, St. Louis.....	124	
Cockrell, Senator F. M.....	23	1
Dresser, H. W., Boston.....	10	
Foote, A. H., St. Louis.....	41	90
Gould Directory Co., St. Louis.....	30	
Gregory, Chas. R., St. Louis.....	59	28
“ “ “ Seven framed engravings.		
“ “ “ Seventeen large unmounted photographs.		
Indiana. State Library.....	21	43
Jaminet, Mrs. A., St. Louis.....	49	10
London, J. M., St. Louis.....	12	
Missouri. Secretary of State.....	74	9
New York. State Library.....	103	33
Pearce, Hon. Chas. E., St. Louis.....	62	1
Pennsylvania. State Library.....	54	
Ramsay, Charles K., St. Louis.....	110	230
Richards, Dr. Heber, St. Louis.....	12	364
Silver, Burdette & Co., Boston.....	43	
Society of the Army of the Cumberland.....	29	
Thayer, Hon. A. M., St. Louis.....	22	
Ulrici, Emil, St. Louis.....	77	12
U. S. Superintendent of Documents.....	312	375

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The inventory of 1899 showed a total of about 132,000 volumes. I repeat the details here, because my report for 1900—like all the city reports for that year and also for 1899 and 1898—has not been published. The following tables show the number of volumes in each class, and also in each department and room at the time of the inventory, July, 1899, and the total contents of the collection on April 30, 1901:

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY ACCORDING TO INVENTORY
OF JULY, 1, 1899.

Classes.	Ref.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates.	Totals.
Philosophy.....	183	1,207	.....	1,390
Religion	2,145	2,987	.....	5,132
Social Science.....	13,457	4,856	1	18,314
Natural Science.....	9,220	7,319	.....	16,539
Art and Poetry.....	1,384	5,986	3	7,373
Fiction	312	23,301	370	23,983
Juvenile Literature.....	342	19,754	.....	20,096
Literary Miscellany.....	1,937	5,195	5	7,137
Travels and History.....	2,845	12,721	5	15,571
Cyclopædias and Periodicals.....	9,003	1,492	1	10,496
Total.....	40,828	84,818	385	126,031
Unentered duplicates and books not yet catalogued, (about).....				6,000
Total contents, July 1, 1899, (about).....				132,000

CONTENTS OF EACH ROOM.

Circulation Dept.			
Main Library.....		84,495	
Coll. of Duplicates.....		385	
Froebel Collection.....		323	
		85,203	
Ref. books in Issue Dept.....		2,536	87,738
Reference Dept.			
Public Document Room.....			11,431
U. S., (Hall, etc.,).....			6,766
Reading-room (other than Patent Office reports)....			703
Art Room.....			2,000
Catalogue Room.....			298
Office.....			41
Reference Room.....	}	13,870	
McAnally Collection.....		3,184	17,054
			126,031
Unentered duplicates, etc., (about).....			6,000
Total contents of collection July 1, 1899.....			132,031
Added, July, 1899–April, 1900.....		5,200	
Withdrawn.....		2,089	3,111
Additions to April 30, 1901.....		14,011	
Less losses. (See table p. 11).....		4,528	
Net additons.....		9,483	9,483
Total contents April 30, 1901.....			144,625

BINDING.

During the year an unusual number of volumes received a first binding. The total was 1,137, at a cost of \$904.76—an average of 77.6 cents per volume. These consisted of newspapers, periodicals, pamphlets and books received in paper covers. There were also 8,404 volumes rebound, at a cost of \$3,361.80, or 40 cents a volume, and 597 volumes were repaired, by contract, at a cost of \$124.90, or 21 cents a volume. Besides these, 9,455 volumes were repaired at

the library. These cost, for labor and material, \$408.55—an average of 4¹/₆ cents.

CIRCULATION.

The street car strike, which lasted through May and June, lessened the circulation by many thousands of volumes. In addition to this there is sufficient explanation for not going some thousands beyond the million mark in the inadequate supply of new books.

But notwithstanding these two causes, which inevitably diminished the circulation, the issue of books for home reading shows an increase of 32,356, and the issue of books for reference and reading in the library, a gain of 3,640. The total home issue of 740,179 volumes was made up as follows: From the main issue desk, 189,306; from the open shelves, 140,233; from the Juvenile Department (including supplementary reading), 156,544; and from the delivery stations (including depositories), 254,096. There was a falling off of 14,074 in the issue of periodicals in the reading-room; and there was a decrease of 32,031 volumes in the books drawn directly from the library; but the increase of the circulation through the delivery stations more than made up for this. It is clear that but for our delivery stations and other outside agencies for distribution, the strike would have caused a decided decline in the circulation.

From the foregoing figures it will be seen that of the total home issue more than one-third (34.3%) of the books were drawn through the delivery stations and depositories; and that of the issue on adult cards at the library 42¹/₂% consisted of books drawn from the open shelves. For this department, instead of a sort of enlarged alcove, we need a special room with at least ten times the space now available. With such a room adequately supplied with the best books in each line, forming a select library of 15,000 to 25,000 volumes, it is fair to assume that the present percentage would increase to more than 50%. Besides serving the convenience of the public, it guides many readers to better books than they would otherwise read. It introduces many to good books which they never heard of before, and which they would not be likely to choose from a catalogue. The following tables furnish full details regarding the issue in all departments.

ISSUE BY MONTHS.

	HOME ISSUE.				Library.	Periodicals.	Total.
	Main Library.	Delivery Stations.	*Schools and Depositories.	Total.			
May.....	29272	30042		59314	4785	14090	78189
June.....	28443	16473		44916	3660	12138	60714
July.....	29509	14444		43953	3140	10684	57777
August.....	28947	13986		42933	3123	10527	56583
September.....	28362	12775	8857	49994	3618	13245	66857
October.....	32916	14520	11075	58511	4768	15194	78473
November.....	35684	15865	12367	63916	6442	15092	85450
December.....	36845	15837	11210	63892	6808	17294	87994
January.....	41101	17710	15737	74548	9492	20975	105015
February.....	39616	17700	19539	76855	8692	20280	105827
March.....	41713	20458	12773	74944	8280	20246	103470
April.....	37279	20974	28150	86403	7798	18047	112248
Total.....	409687	210784	119708	740179	70606	187812	998597
1900.....	441718	199151	66954	707823	66966	201886	976675
Gain.....		11633	52754	32356	3640		21922
Loss.....	32031					14074	

*Under this heading are included the sets of supplementary reading and the collections kept in the outlying schools as well as the issue from Sunday schools and other depositories.

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy.....	3352	.45	805	1.14	4157	.51
Religion.....	4083	.55	2294	3.25	6377	.79
Social Science.....	8460	1.14	9270	13.13	17730	2.19
Natural Science.....	15698	2.12	8151	11.54	23849	2.94
Art.....	5827	.79	5779	8.17	11606	1.43
Poetry.....	10182	1.38	2346	4.03	13028	1.61
Fiction.....	414816	56.03	6930	9.82	421746	52.01
Juvenile.....	221830	29.97	810	1.15	222640	27.44
Literary Miscellany.....	13244	1.78	4660	6.60	17904	2.21
Travels.....	9706	1.31	2791	3.95	12497	1.54
History.....	13786	1.86	5927	8.39	19713	2.43
Biography.....	9308	1.26	5090	7.06	14398	1.78
Cyclopaedias and Magazines.....	9887	1.34	15253	21.60	25140	3.10
Total.....	740179	99.98	70606	99.83	810785	99.98

SUMMARIES.

	1899-1900.	1900-1901.
Home issue, regular library.....	681,839	704,363
Home issue, coll. of duplicates.....	25,984	35,816
	707,823	740,179
Library issue.....	66,966	70,606
	774,789	810,785
Total issue of books.....		
Reading-room issue.....	201,886	187,812
	976,675	998,597
Total issue in all departments.....		
Gain in 1900-1901 over 1899-1900.....		21,922

Largest week-day issue, Wednesday, December 5, 1900.	Smallest week-day issue, October 2, 1900.
Main desk..... 674	Main desk..... 356
Open shelves..... 498	Open shelves..... 281
Juvenile..... 2,418	Juvenile..... 140
Delivery stations..... 1,104	Delivery stations..... 489
Total home issue..... 4,686	Total home issue..... 1,266
Library issue..... 260	Library issue..... 150
Reading-room issue..... 575	Reading-room issue..... 445
Total issue in all depart- ments..... 5,521	Total issue in all depart- ments..... 1,861

Largest Sunday issue, February 24, 1901.	Smallest Sunday issue, August 19, 1900.
Library issue..... 51	Library issue..... 10
Reading-room issue..... 759	Reading-room issue..... 119
Total..... 810	Total..... 129

Total Sunday issue.	Average Sunday issue.
Library issue..... 2,053	Library issue..... 39
Reading room issue..... 12,689	Reading-room issue..... 244
Total..... 14,742	Total..... 283

Average daily issue.		Average week-day issue.	
Home issue	2,322	Home issue.....	2,322
Library issue.....	193	Library issue.....	219
Reading-room issue.....	514	Reading-room issue.....	577
Total.....	3,029	Total.....	3,118

HOLIDAY ISSUE, 1900-1901.

	Home Issue.	Library.	Reading Room.	Total.
Decoration Day	4,203	96	512	4,811
Fourth of July	175	26	130	331
Labor Day.....	2,537	150	408	3,095
Thanksgiving Day.....	441	54	425	920
Christmas Day.....	24	43	320	387
New Year's Day.....	360	81	384	825
Washington's Birthday.....	1,862	219	889	2,970
Total.....	9,602	669	3,068	13,339
Average.....	1,372	95	438	1,905

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATE ISSUE BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY
WAS MADE FREE.

	'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01
May	612	1394	990	1258	1096	1401	2431
June	542	1222	978	1160	625	1324	2290
July	643	1192	900	1034	1029	1320	2199
August	733	1225	930	985	1102	1574	2305
September	666	1016	878	972	917	1707	2200
October	771	1130	995	1367	1307	1930	2974
November	931	1302	1046	1643	1281	2230	3621
December	987	1257	1181	1894	1423	2577	3536
January	1190	1469	1389	1858	1507	3082	3678
February.....	1482	1489	1413	1670	1491	2536	3490
March.....	1780	1378	1380	1680	1591	3548	3773
April	1649	1085	1396	1394	1446	2755	3329
Total.....	11986	15159	13476	16915	15815	25984	35816
Average.....	990	1260	1123	1409	1269	2165	2818

The remarkable gain in the last two years is due to the open-shelf space and the extraordinary vogue of a number of new novels. The climax was reached in "The Crisis," 153 copies of which are still (December) in constant circulation.

TOTAL CIRCULATION BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01
Home	331426	472718	551059	647171	698339	707823	740179
Reference and Library	40628	46082	51240	69070	65732	66966	70606
Reading-room	165359	170142	184729	204259	195783	201886	187812
Total	537413	688942	788028	920500	959854	976675	998597

It requires little thought to understand that accounts with over 50,000 borrowers cannot be kept straight without some time and trouble. Few, however, would realize the time and care required. Some idea of the labor involved may be gained from the following figures, accompanied by the explanation that every notice sent involves the looking up of name and address of the intended recipient. During the year 13,063 notices were sent for overdue books, of which 10,101 were first notices, and 2,962 second notices; 18 notices were sent to persons taking home books that were drawn for library use. There were also 128 miscellaneous notices, 408 notices of additions to the library, 286 to houses having contagious diseases,* and 1,753 for books reserved. 25,790 book cards were written to replace those filled. A messenger was sent for 474 books, 370 of which were returned by cardholder, 58 recovered by messenger, while 46 still remained charged at the close of the year.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

During the year there has been a large increase in the attendance, with an increase of 29% in the number of books used. The total number of books consulted was 49,738, an increase of 11,241 over the number used in the previous year.

COMPARATIVE TABLE OF BOOKS CONSULTED FOR LAST TWO YEARS.

REFERENCE ROOM ISSUE.

	1899-1900.	1900-1901.
May	2,214	3,163
June.....	1,680	1,956
July	2,049	2,089
August	2,303	1,810
September	2,488	2,012
October.....	2,998	3,022
November.....	3,952	4,100
December.....	4,095	4,686
January.....	4,608	7,224
February.....	3,979	6,961
March	4,364	6,573
April	3,767	6,142
Total.....	38,497	49,738
Total, 1900-1901.....	49,738	
Total, 1899-1900.....	38,497	
Gain.....	11,241	

In October Mr. Jonathan W. George was appointed to take charge of the department, succeeding Miss Rosa M. Leeper, who had accepted the librarianship of the Carnegie Library of Dallas, Texas. During the winter and spring the room has been open to students and visitors for twelve hours daily, the number of visitors in the evening ranging from one to twenty. A number of changes have been made in the room, which add greatly to the comfort of visitors and to the utility of the room as a special department. The stacks have been shortened to allow for one-third more table

*The Library is in daily communication with the Health Department, and all persons living in houses containing a case of infectious disease are notified both by the Library and the Health Officers not to return the books till they have been fumigated.

room. The shelf capacity has been increased to accommodate 10,000 volumes, by narrowing the old stacks and aisles and placing new ones in the vacant space, with eight double shelves to the stack instead of seven, as formerly. Two wall stacks twelve feet high, one at each end of the room, have been added, as well as a special case to accommodate a collection of handy books for ready reference on popular subjects. A new cabinet for the pamphlet catalogue has been placed in the room, and a subject index to pamphlets is being prepared. New cases for shelving bound newspapers, and six large stacks for shelving unused and unentered duplicates, have been built in the reading room.

A number of students from other cities and towns have availed themselves of the resources of the department. A collection of books and pamphlets has been brought together dealing with expositions and world's fairs; and efforts are being made to secure as complete a collection as possible of books relating to the Mississippi Valley, The Northwest, and The Louisiana Purchase. Many new volumes have been added to the shelves of the Art Room, as well as to the Reference Room; and a considerable list of works on art has been ordered. The Perry pictures and other reproductions of famous pictures placed in the Art Room by the Art League are fulfilling the mission for which they were secured, but deserve more general use by teachers in connection with geography, science and history teaching.

DELIVERY STATIONS.

In January, 1901, Mr. Woods, theretofore the head of this department, resigned to accept the librarianship of the East St. Louis Public Library; and Miss Miller was placed in charge. Mr. Taylor remains as assistant, with two special duties assigned to him. His work in the morning is to substitute books for those called for and reported "not in." All call slips on which no book can be found by the pages are turned over to him. He makes a second search, which checks possible oversight on the part of the pages, and not infrequently results in finding a book which has come in since the first search was made. If, however, all the books are still "out," he substitutes one he thinks likely to please. This office of substituting another book instead of one called for, requires judgment and knowledge of books—judgment to determine what sort of book will meet the taste of the applicant (known only by his call list), and literary knowledge to decide what particular books will be likely to please the inferred taste of said person. Every book so substituted has inserted in it a little slip with the following message:

"Public Library.—The books called for on your list are 'OUT.' We venture to send this, which we trust will prove better than none at all. If not satisfactory please return with a new and larger list.

"Please note on your CALL SLIP if you do not wish us to do this."

The public appreciates the benefits of this plan; and thanks and favorable comments are daily received. The wishes of those (a very few) who request that substitutions be not made are, of course, respected.

Most of Mr. Taylor's afternoons are devoted to visiting the stations. These regular visitations serve to straighten out any misunderstandings that may have arisen, to explain methods to new clerks, and to keep up the interest of the station keepers.

Several stations have been changed, and three new ones added. Ten new desks were sent to stations hitherto unsupplied. These are a great convenience to the station keepers.

Beginning with the second week in January, readers' cards were sent out the same day that the applications from stations were received. If a list accompanies an application, a book is sent out with the reader's card. This plan is decidedly more satisfactory to the library, to the delivery station keepers and to the public.

The printed lists, especially the juvenile lists, have been a very great help. The supply was greater than ever before ; and this appreciative reception points to the desirability of printing lists in greater number and variety hereafter.

The transportation service of the St. Louis Delivery Company and of the several expressmen who carry books to outlying stations, has been entirely satisfactory.

The following Sunday schools and settlements have served as depositories. In each a collection of books is placed, and kept until a change is called for.

Place.	Number of Books.	Place.	Number of Books.
Art Metal Co.....	194	High School.....	646
Bowman M. E. S. S.....	75	Lafayette Park S. S.....	130
Church of the Redeemer S. S..	30	Lindell Avenue M. E. S. S.....	109
Cook Ave. M. E. S. S.....	65	Olivet S. S.....	38
Delmar Ave. M. E. S. S.....	102	Polish Settlement.....	64
Ethical Society.....	65	Social Settlement.....	429
Fountain Park S. S.....	74	Union M. E. S. S.....	160

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

In the issue from the Juvenile Department the advantage of distributing agencies is shown to a degree even more marked than in the adult circulation. Out of a total home issue of 156,544 from this department, 80,148 volumes were drawn by card-holders personally, while 76,396—nearly one-half—were sent out as supplementary reading.

SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

Under this heading we include boxes of books sent to the schools. Each box contains thirty copies of the same book, for lower grades, and twenty-five copies for upper grades. It is better to send thirty copies of the same book, rather than thirty different books, for several reasons: 1st, because it enables the teachers to use the books for class exercises; 2nd, because the reading of the same book at the same time by all the class intensifies the enjoyment of each child. It also gives the pupils a common (and an elevated) topic of conversation to replace the vulgarities of boys and the inanities of girls. And this is a benefit of no little importance.

Owing to the difficulty in getting supplementary reading to schools in outlying districts, small general collections are sent out to these schools upon request. The collections usually contain enough books to supply each room with 50 volumes, and may be kept as long as needed. The plan, Miss Krug reports, has not worked altogether satisfactorily. Experience will doubtless bring improvement.

The supplementary reading in the public schools has proved a cumulative and an unqualified success wherever the teachers have taken an interest in it and realized its power of helpfulness in the regular school work. The results are such as might have been predicted *a priori*. Most of the work is still done in the first four grades. It was started there for obvious reasons: 1st, because a majority of children leave school before they reach the 7th grade, many before the 6th grade; 2d, because the best time to impart to children a love for good reading is before the age of ten; 3d, because the work of the lowest grades is chiefly the teaching of reading. And here we strike our *a priori* argument. The way to learn to swim is to go swimming often; the way to learn to ride a wheel or a horse is to ride every day; so, to learn to read understandingly in the shortest possible time, much reading must be done. To teach a child to ride a bicycle it is not necessary to keep on giving him lessons every day for months or years. Start him and give him a wheel, and he will attend to the rest. So it is with reading: help a child over the technical difficulties, give him interesting books, and he will learn to read; and, not only that, but he will gather stores of information—and, what is more important still, his imagination will be nourished and his mental capacity and intellectual alertness will be expanded and stimulated. Sully says in his *Psychology*:

“The habitual narration of stories, description of places, and so on, is an essential ingredient in the rudimentary stages of education. The child that has been well drilled at home in following stories will, other things being equal, be the better learner at school. The early nurture of the imagination by means of good, wholesome food has much to do with determining the degree of imaginative power, and, through this, of the range of intellectual activity ultimately reached.”

Dr. Harris says: “What there is good in our American system points to this preparation of the pupil for independent study of the book by himself. It points towards acquiring the ability of self-education by means of the library.”

And, while on this subject, I can not forbear quoting, for the *nth* time, the following paragraph from one of President Eliot's published addresses:

“From the total training during childhood there should result in the child a taste for interesting and improving reading, which should direct and inspire its subsequent intellectual life. That schooling which results in this taste for good reading, however unsystematic or eccentric the schooling may have been, has achieved a main end of elementary education, and that schooling which does not result in implanting this permanent taste has failed. Guided and animated by this impulse to acquire knowledge and exercise his imagination through reading, the individual will continue to educate himself through life. Without that deep rooted impulsion he will soon cease to draw on the accumulated wisdom of the past and the new resources of the present; and, as he grows older, he will live in a mental atmosphere which is always growing thinner and emptier. . . . The uplifting of the democratic masses depends on this implanting at school of the taste for good reading.”

But, since it is a universally accepted maxim that, as John Fiske puts it, “an ounce of Vinland is better than a pound of cosmography,” the following testimony from St. Louis teachers who speak from experience is worth more than any amount of abstract reasoning. At the end of the last school year, I sent to the principals of some twenty schools—those which had made most use of the books furnished by the Library—a request for replies to the following questions:

1. What value do you attach to literature and supplementary reading in connection with the school curriculum?
 2. What effect has the general reading done by the pupils of your school had on their progress in their studies?
 3. Do you find the books supplied by the library an aid to discipline?
- A few replies must serve to illustrate the general tenor of all.

I.

1. The cultivation of a taste for good literature should be, it seems to me, one of the chief aims of the school curriculum. The development of a higher morality and a truer culture and refinement—which, after all, is the final aim of education—can best, and perhaps only, be accomplished by the encouragement of a closer and closer acquaintance with our best literature. I attach to well-directed general reading as high a value as to any subject taught in the schools.

2. Its effect upon the progress of the children has been daily more apparent. It has given information which has been helpful in all of the studies, especially geography and history; and the language of the children has been greatly improved.

3. I consider supplementary reading as good in itself, and, therefore, cannot regard with favor the conscious use of it as a means for maintaining discipline. Nevertheless, like any subject which thoroughly interests the children, it leads them into voluntary application, and so assists in cultivating that spirit which, in the end, eliminates the problem of discipline.

II.

1. The literature furnished by the public library has been of incalculable value. It has supplied us with the larger part of our material for oral reading. It has been the basis of most of our oral language work. It has been the inspiration and the basis for most of our composition work. The books taken into the homes from the school have been helpful to the entire community.

2. Much of our reading has been very helpful to the language work, geography, and history.

3. It is a very great aid in discipline, both directly and indirectly. Indirectly, through effect upon character. Directly, by giving pupils something they love to do.

III.

1. Of immense value to all our pupils, but especially to the poor child that can attend school but a very few years.

2. Assists their progress in their studies, awakens and deepens their interest in the subject, adds to thought and information, and changes dry studies into the exchange of ideas, the answering of aroused curiosity, and fixes facts more permanently in the memory.

3. The books supplied by the library *are* an aid to discipline. They change the current of pupils' thoughts, and put them in a better and happier state of mind—more conducive to study and improvement.

IV.

1. The literature furnished by the library has put a life into the reading exercise that it didn't have before. It has made reading the principal study in the course.

2. It has been of great advantage to pupils, has made them enjoy the exercises, has increased their fluency, has brought them to know books, and to want to find out about others.

3. Yes, an aid to discipline, decidedly. Pupils are interested in the exercise; consequently, they are attentive and orderly.

V.

1. Great value.

2. Broadens the pupil and gives him greater interest in his regular work.

3. Anything that awakens a child's interest aids in disciplining him.

When the child becomes sufficiently awakened to realize his own interest, the necessity for discipline is largely removed. This supplementary reading has had that effect. I consider it a great aid.

VI.

I consider the literature in the supplementary readers of great value in obtaining fluency, a working command of good language, and cultivation of the imagination, not supplied by any subject in the course of study.

It is very helpful in discipline—lessening, indeed, the need for discipline.

VII.

Here is a brief extract from another letter :

There can be no doubt of the helpfulness of the public library reading sets in the school. It is the universal experience with us that pupils who do most and best supplementary reading succeed best in all of their work. Most of the difficulty experienced by the children in the study of arithmetic and geography, for instance, is due to their inability to read the subject matter correctly. This defect is largely removed by the aid of supplementary reading.

VIII.

I prize very highly the supplementary reading in connection with the school curriculum.

The general reading has caused their minds to grow and broaden and deepen, enabling them to comprehend more readily the ideas conveyed by the printed page.

IX.

A principal of many years' experience writes :

One of the greatest blessings conferred on children is providing them with abundance of judiciously selected supplementary reading. The enlargement of the horizon around the child, the increasing of his vocabulary, the encouragement to go to the fountain-head and there drink more deeply at the great source of supply—the public library—all follow in natural order.

I believe discipline grows easier from year to year. The abundant supply of reading matter to be taken up as soon as lessons are learned has contributed largely to this result.

I asked some of my most competent assistants their opinion of the value of books from the library. The reply was : "Look at the faces of the pupils as they are using the books. See how absorbed they are in following the story. The book is new to them. All the charms of novelty gather around the subject."

X.

The head assistant in the Columbia School sums up by saying :

Supplementary reading, especially in the lower grades, is worth all the rest of the school work.

The St. Louis school in which most reading is done is the Columbia. It goes without saying that it is one of the best schools in the city. At my request, the principal, Mr. Charles L. Howard, furnished me with a general statement of his views on the educational value of literature, and the methods by which it is made the chief feature in his school. I should like to quote the whole of his report; but, not to exceed proper limits, I must content myself with a few extracts :

We make no parade of "literature work" or of supplementary reading. The latter term is a misnomer; it is misleading; what others term supplementary reading in my school is *the whole thing*. We have two forms of reading at the Columbia School. First, a form of class work, in which the material for use has come to be selected on a basis of interest, and what appears to be a natural appreciation of the Herbartian theory of the culture epochs. After

the second grade or year there is no *teaching* of reading lessons, in the ordinary use of that term. There is no preparation of reading lessons for recitation. Generally each class in a given grade reads the list of books given as available for its grade—sometimes less, oftener more. Sometimes a third- or fourth-grade class reads *Evangeline*, *Miles Standish*, *The Merchant of Venice*, or *Julius Cæsar*, with exquisite satisfaction. I have seen a second-year class enthusiastic over the *Pied Piper* and *Horatius at the Bridge*. [Let me interject here that I have seen children not yet in the first grade enjoying these same poems.] Things are read as *wholes*. For no one ever reads Cassius' plea with Brutus, then runs off to find the whole play; but generally one who reads *The Merchant of Venice* first turns again and again to the court scene. These books have generally the characteristics of the classics; and so we know that from pure interest our pupils do a vast amount of valuable reading, from which they get facility in reading, a vast store of useful information, broad views, independent notions, and an acquaintance with the material which, molded in the master-mind, gives beauty, grace, vigor, and endurance to the best literature.

The second form of reading in the school relates to the use of miscellaneous books independent of the school work. In this connection reading is encouraged, but no supervision of it is assumed.

About six hundred pupils in the school have tickets in the public library. They appear to be in constant use.

In 1898-99 we collected reports of "outside readings." In eight months seven hundred pupils reported something over ten thousand books read. They were mostly what I should call for myself "good books." . . . The most pernicious books come into the hands of children through the suggestion of well-meaning people who are ignorant or thoughtless of their influence—such books as set up false ideals, inflame feeling, discolor fancy, and distort judgment; the kind of books that used to abound in Sunday-school libraries. The real value of this work can not be told. The influence is mainly realized in conduct and character.

Our friends are sometimes disturbed over the freedom in our work; but it is observed that the freedom allowed naturally secures a basis of interest which tends to make the reading thoughtful; that those who read most widely accomplish most in other forms of school work; that the effect upon conduct is most salutary, showing in no case a bad result from the reading habit; that the ordinary nature-study books do not appeal to children strongly enough to secure voluntary reading as wholes; that the "classics" tend to supplant everything sensational or weak; that natural children make as few errors in selecting for themselves as their elders make in selecting for them; that the "bad" books generally appear but once; that a book is on the whole good or bad as determined by the attitude of the mind toward it.

We see, then, that a consensus of the St. Louis teachers who have welcomed the aid of the library is that general reading is "helpful in all the studies;" that it possesses "as high a value as anything taught in the schools," while two teachers consider it "worth all the rest of the school work;" that it is "of immeasurable value to all pupils, but especially to the poor child;" that "pupils who do most and best supplementary reading succeed best in all their work;" that it is "a great aid to discipline directly and through effect on character;" that "it puts children in a better and happier frame of mind—more conducive to study;" that "its influence is mainly realized in conduct and character;" and finally that "the books taken into the homes have been helpful to the entire community." Could we ask for anything more? Promotes progress in all studies! Aids discipline! Improves conduct and forms character! And, lastly, reaches out into the homes and educates parents and older brothers and sisters.

"If I were king of the world," said Dr. Stanley Hall, "I should have an examination of teachers as to their ability to tell a good story. It is the one hypnotic influence that tends for morals."

An interesting experiment in the teaching of literature was tried in the St. Louis High School the past season. Principle Bryan applied to the library for as many copies as it could supply of the most popular works of the leading American and English writers of the 19th century. The list consisted chiefly of pure literature, including the best novels of Scott, Hawthorne, Cooper, Bulwer, Kingsley, Dickens, Thackeray, and George Eliot; the essays of Lamb, DeQuincy, Irving and Carlyle; and poetry of Southey, Burns, Wordsworth, Moore, Tennyson, Poe, Holmes, and Whittier. A few historical works were also sent, including those of Parkmen, Morley, and Prescott, besides a few histories of Greece and Rome. In all, about 500 volumes, with as many as 10 copies of the more popular books, were supplied. Mr. Buck, who had special charge of the work, made a most encouraging report of results before the Library Section of the National Educational Association at Detroit in July. Principal Bryan and Vice-principal Schuyler pronounce the experiment a success, and are this year extending it, especially in the study of history,—calling on the library for as many copies of leading histories as can be furnished. Nothing can be more significant than the obvious growth of the pupils in mental grasp under the stimulus and the nourishment of this reading. Mr. Buck reports that in March they could comprehend and enjoy books which they vainly tried to read in November.

THE CARNEGIE GIFT.

Before this report is in print I trust the only obstacle to the receipt of Mr. Carnegie's munificent gift to the city will be removed by securing a suitable site for the central building.

THE STAFF.

Within the year two more of our assistants were called away to take the position of chief librarian in other cities. Their loss was regretted, but their places were readily filled by promotion and the appointment of new apprentices. In closing, it is with the greatest satisfaction and pleasure that I commend the efficiency, the earnestness, the courtesy and loyalty of the staff, whose able co-operation it is my good fortune to have.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. }

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edw. L. Preetorius, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1901, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

EDW. L. PRETORIUS,
Chairman Auditing Committee,
Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 29th day of May, Nineteen hundred and one.

(Seal.)

H. A. BERKEMEYER,
Notary Public.

My term expires June 10, 1902.

APPENDIX No. 1.

LIST OF THE MOST POPULAR BOOKS.

BOOKS OF LARGEST CIRCULATION, INCLUDING THE COLLECTION OF DUPLICATES.

To have and to hold	2926	Janice Meredith	2455
David Harum	2582	*Count of Monte Cristo.....	2103
Richard Carvel.....	2581	Little women.....	2091

NOVELS ISSUED 1,000 TIMES AND OVER.

Allen	Choir invisible	1040	*Hugo.....	Les miserables.....	1832
Blackmore.....	Lorna Doone.....	1105	Mitchell.....	Hugh Wynne	1406
Caskoden.....	Knighthood.....	1071	Scott.....	Ivanhoe.....	1150
Davis.....	Soldiers of fortune	1217	Stowe.....	Uncle Tom's cabin.....	1349
Dumas	Three musketeers.....	1159	Thackeray	Vanity fair	1444
Ford	Hon. Peter Stirling.....	1585	Wallace.....	Ben Hur	1254
Hope	Prisoner of Zenda	1121			

NOVELS ISSUED 900 TIMES AND OVER.

Cholmondeley.....	Red pottage.....	928	King	Colonel's daughter	950
Dumas	Vicomte de Bragelonne.....	931	Marlitt	Second wife	932
Fothergill.....	First violin.....	926	Sienkiewicz.....	Quo vadis.....	931
Hughes	Tom Brown's school days	969			

NOVELS ISSUED 800 TIMES AND OVER.

Barrie.....	Little minister	852	Voynich.....	Gadfly	836
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NOVELS ISSUED 700 TIMES AND OVER.

Allen	Reign of law.....	714	Hope	Rupert of Hentzau.....	731
Burnett	In connection with the De		Marlitt	Gold Elsie.....	722
	Willoughby claim.....	767		Old Mam'selle's secret	703
Collins	Woman in white	700	Roe.....	Opening of a chestnut burr	703
Dumas	Twenty years after	729	Weyman	Under the Red Robe.....	722
Hawthorne	Scarlet letter.....	741			

NOVELS ISSUED 600 TIMES AND OVER.

Barr	Bow of orange ribbon.....	602	Johnston.....	Prisoners of hope	627
Barrie.....	Sentimental Tommy.....	614	Page	Red Rock.....	665
Bronte	Jane Eyre.....	630	Roe.....	Barriers burned away.....	665
Caine.....	Christian	659		From jest to earnest.....	661
Dickens	Oliver Twist.....	646		Without a home	690
Doyle	Adventures of Sherlock		Sue.....	Wandering jew.....	608
	Holmes	661	Weyman	Gentleman of France.....	626

NOVELS ISSUED 500 TIMES AND OVER.

Auerbach	On the heights	596	Kipling	Captains courageous.....	580
Bulwer	Last Days of Pompeii	571		Day's work	560
Carey	Not like other girls.....	522	Kingsley	Hypatia.....	556
Cooper	Deerslayer	504	Marlitt	Lady with the rubies	551
	Last of the Mohicans.....	589	Mulock	John Halifax.....	513
Corelli.....	Master Christian.....	573	Parker	Battle of the strong.....	532
Crawford	Dr. Claudius	532	Porter	Scottish chiefs.....	551
	Sant Ilario.....	507	Reade.....	Cloister and the hearth.....	513
	Saracinesca.....	563	Roe	His sombre rivals.....	551
Doyle.....	Memoirs of Sherlock		Scott.....	Kenilworth.....	542
	Holmes	593	Sienkiewicz	Knights of the cross.....	551
Hewlett	Forest lovers	532	Thackeray	Henry Esmond.....	532
Holmes, O. W.....	Elsie Venner	551	Wilson	At the mercy of Tiberius.....	551
Holmes, M. J.....	Mildred	533			

NOVELS ISSUED 400 TIMES AND OVER.

Barrie	Tommy and Grizel.....	426	Crockett.....	Ione March.....	420
Burnham.....	Miss Bagg's secretary.....	421		Kit Kennedy.....	402
Collins	Moonstone.....	495	Dickens	David Copperfield.....	438
	No name	431		Tale of two cities.....	469
Corelli.....	Romance of two worlds..	418	Doyle.....	Micah Clarke	443
	Thelma.....	432		Refugees.....	476
Crawford.....	Don Orsino.....	459		White company.....	458
	Katherine Lauderdale.....	432	Duchess.....	Molly Bawn.....	472
	Mr. Isaacs	420		Rossmoyne	415

* "Les Miserables" and "Monte Cristo" alternated in the first and second places in two recent years. The former at every previous count for twenty years has stood among the first three. This year, however, the extraordinary runs of four new books reduced it to the seventh place. Every year produces its passing favorite; but the popularity of this, the first of novels, has endured and grown steadily since its publication forty years ago.

Eggleston	Hoosier school master	408	Porter	Thaddeus of Warsaw	418
Eliot	Mill on the Floss	484	Roe	Day of fate	494
	Romola	412		He fell in love with his wife	437
Goldsmith	Vicar of Wakefield	404		Knight of the XIX century	437
Hardy	Tess of the D'Ubervilles	494		Original belle	456
Harland, M.	Alone	442		Young girl's wooing	475
Harland, H.	Cardinal's snuff-box	457	Sand	Consuelo	418
Hawthorne	Marble faun	424	Scott	Bride of Lammermoor	418
Holmes	Daisy Thornton	465		Talisman	437
	Tempest and sunshine	434	Tarkington	Gentleman from Indiana	475
Hugo	Notre Dame	475	Wallace	Fair god	437
Jackson	Ramona	499		Prince of India	475
King	Marion's faith	494	Werner	St. Michael	438
	Trooper Galahad	437	Weyman	My Lady Rotha	494
Kipling	Light that failed	475	Whiteing	No. 5 John Street	456
Lyall	In the golden days	456	Wilson	Beulah	494
	We two	432		Inez	456
Marlitt	Little moorland princess	454		Infelice	437
Merriman	Sowers	456		Macaria	494
Mitchell	Adventures of Francois	494		Vashti	418
Ouida	Under two flags	418			

NOVELS ISSUED 300 TIMES AND OVER.

Bachelor	Eben Holden	360	Harland	True as steel	370
Besant	All sorts and conditions of men	339	Hawthorne	House of the seven gables	397
Bronte	Shirley	397	Holmes	Cameron pride	314
Bulwer	Harold	323		Cousin Maude	351
Burnham	Dearly bought	396		Darkness and daylight	371
	Next door	398		Edith Lyle	380
	Sweet clover	338		Edna Browning	302
Caine	Manxman	399		Ethlyn's mistake	361
Carey	Aunt Diana	352		Forrest House	367
	Only a governess	398		Homestead on the hill-side	399
	Robert Ord's atonement	324		Hugh Worthington	325
	Wee wifie	380		Lena Rivers	304
	Wooded and married	372		Madeline	399
Cervantes	Don Quixote	353		Marguerite	374
Clemens	Connecticut Yankee	316		Meadow Brook	328
	Pudd'nhead Wilson	345		Queenie Hetherton	301
Collins	Dead secret	321		Rose Mather	389
Cooper	Pioneers	301		West Lawn	355
	Spy	329	King	Kitty's conquest	328
Corelli	Boy	338	Kipling	Soldiers three	399
Crawford	Cigarette maker's romance	304	Lever	Charles O'Malley	350
	In the palace of the king	359	Lyall	Donovan	361
	Roman singer	357		Won by waiting	361
	Via crucis	362	Marlitt	At the councillor's	380
Crockett	Black Douglas	359		Countess Gisela	380
	Red axe	323	Merriman	Roden's corner	399
Davis	Princess Aline	304	Page	In ole Virginia	323
Dickens	Bleak House	380		Santa Claus's partner	361
	Christmas books	324	Phillpotts	Children of the mist	361
	Dombey and son	319	Pool	Out of step	314
	Old curiosity shop	377		Two Salomes	351
	Pickwick papers	323	Porter	Allan Dare	380
Duchess	Airy fairy Lillian	389	Reade	Put yourself in his place	304
	Beauty's daughters	320	Roe	Earth trembled	380
	Dick's sweetheart	313		Face illumined	319
	Mrs. Geoffrey	323		Miss Lou	300
Dumas	Iron Mask	361		Near to nature's heart	323
	Memoirs of a physician	382		What can she do?	367
	Queen's necklace	375	Scott	Guy Mannering	304
Dunton	Aylwin	312		Rob Roy	335
Ebers	Egyptian princess	373	Stael	Corinne	342
Eliot	Adam Bede	373	Steel	On the face of the waters	398
	Daniel Deronda	382	Thackeray	Newcomes	398
	Middlemarch	390		Pendennis	332
Fowler	Concerning Isabel Carnaby	349		Virginians	342
	Double thread	323	Tolstoi	Anna Karenina	342
Grand	Heavenly twins	323	Warner	That fortune	304
Grant	Unleavened bread	304	Wilson	St. Elmo	342
Haggard	King Solomon's mines	304	Winter	Heart and sword	323
			Wood	East Lynne	380

JUVENILES.

1000 TIMES AND OVER.

Alcott	Aunt Jo's scrapbag.....	1900	Andersen.....	Fairy tales.....	1193
	Eight cousins.....	1256	Arabian nights.....		1479
	Jack and Jill.....	1286	Burnett.....	Little Lord Fauntleroy.....	1088
	Jo's boys.....	1218	Clemens.....	Tom Sawyer.....	1547
	Little men.....	1074	DeFoe.....	Robinson Crusoe.....	1842
	Old fashioned girl.....	1265	Grimm.....	Fairy tales.....	1849
Alden.....	Adventures of Jimmy		Scudder.....	Fables and folk stories.....	1539
	Brown.....	1140	Sidney.....	Five little Peppers.....	1361

900 TIMES AND OVER.

Coffin.....	Boys of '76.....	953	Dodge.....	Hans Brinker.....	925
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800 TIMES AND OVER.

Alcott.....	Rose in bloom.....	856	Kingsley.....	Water babies.....	885
Baldwin.....	Fifty famous stories.....	826			

700 TIMES AND OVER.

Æsop.....	Fables.....	717	Henty.....	Dragon and the raven.....	707
Andrews.....	Seven little sisters.....	712	Norton.....	Heart of oak books.....	741
Eggleston.....	Stories of great Americans				
	for little Americans.....	780			

600 TIMES AND OVER.

Alcott.....	Garland for girls.....	612	Henty.....	Fall of Sebastopol.....	646
Burnett.....	Sara Crewe.....	674		With Clive in India.....	948
Carroll.....	Alice's adventures in won-		Mulock.....	Adventures of a brownie..	627
	derland.....	687	Otis.....	Toby Tyler.....	665
Coffin.....	Boys of '61.....	668	Thompson.....	Fairy tales and fables.....	654
Eggleston.....	First book in American				
	history.....	677			

500 TIMES AND OVER.

Alcott.....	Under the lilacs.....	593	Lang.....	Prince Darling.....	502
Clemens.....	Prince and pauper.....	518	Mulock.....	Little lame prince.....	590
Coolidge.....	Little country girl.....	591	Stoddard.....	Little Smoke.....	570
Hawthorne.....	Wonder book.....	502	Trowbridge.....	Jack Hazard.....	532
Henty.....	For the temple.....	513	Verne.....	Around the world in eighty	
	St. George for England....	532		days.....	551
Kipling.....	Jungle book.....	586			

400 TIMES AND OVER.

Asbjørnsen.....	Fairy world.....	415	Lang.....	Cinderella.....	418
Beard.....	What to do and how to			Sleeping beauty.....	470
	do it.....	496		Yellow fairy book.....	456
Brooks.....	Stories of the red children	462	Meade.....	Sweet girl graduate.....	475
Burnett.....	Editha's burglar.....	445	Mother Goose.....		418
Coolidge.....	What Katy did.....	488	Otis.....	Tim and Tip.....	475
Dodge.....	Donald and Dorothy.....	478	Pyle.....	Men of iron.....	415
Eggleston.....	Big brother.....	434	Sidney.....	Five little Peppers grown	
Hawthorne.....	Tanglewood tales.....	456		up.....	418
Henty.....	Lion of St. Mark's.....	439		Five little Peppers midway	418
	Lion of the north.....	456	Stoddard.....	Red mustang.....	478
	Redskin and cowboy.....	437		Two arrows.....	418
	Under Drake's flag.....	421	Verne.....	From the earth to the	
Irving.....	Six girls.....	444		moon.....	476
Johonnot.....	Book of cats and dogs.....	437	Wiggin.....	Birds' Christmas carol.....	418
	Grandfather's stories.....	148			

300 TIMES AND OVER.

Alcott.....	Hospital sketches.....	314	Holbrook.....	Hiawatha primer.....	361
Beckwith.....	In mythland.....	372	King.....	Cadet days.....	328
Blanchard.....	Two girls.....	306	Kipling.....	Second jungle book.....	373
Caldecott.....	Picture book.....	392	Laboulaye.....	Fairy tales.....	372
Carroll.....	Through the looking glass	382	Lang.....	Blue fairy book.....	342
Coolidge.....	Crosspatch.....	382		Red fairy book.....	331
Cox.....	Brownies.....	311		Red Riding Hood.....	385
Dickens.....	Child's history of England	317	Meade.....	Polly.....	323
Eggleston.....	Hoosier schoolboy.....	308	Munroe.....	Cab and caboose.....	399
Goss.....	Jed.....	361		Flamingo feather.....	304
	Tom Clifton.....	361		Fur seal's tooth.....	380
Harris.....	Uncle Remus.....	399		Painted desert.....	342
Henty.....	Bravest of the brave.....	380		Snow shoes and sledges..	304
	By pike and dyke.....	342		White conquerors.....	399
	Cat of Bubastes.....	332		With Crockett and Bowie..	399
	Facing death.....	304	Otis.....	Mr. Stubbs's brother.....	304
	For name and fame.....	323	Page.....	Two little confederates ..	313
	In the reign of terror.....	323	Richards.....	Queen Hildegard.....	342
	Young buglers.....	372	Sewell.....	Black Beauty.....	349
	Young franc-tireurs.....	380	Stevenson.....	Treasure Island.....	351

Stoddard.....	Red patriot.....	342	Peter Budstone.....	342	
	Talking leaves.....	361	Three scouts.....	321	
Trowbridge	Chance for himself.....	399	Young surveyor.....	396	
	Cudjo's cave.....	342	Wyss	Swiss family Robinson.....	304
	Fast friends.....	399			

WORKS OTHER THAN FICTION

ISSUED 100 TIMES OR OVER.

Abbott.....	History of Napoleon Bon-		Holmes.....	Autocrat of the breakfast	
	aparte.....	133		table.....	114
Atlantic Monthly, v. 85.....		211	Homer.....	Iliad.....	182
Bancroft.....	History of the U. S.....	122		Odyssey.....	104
Bangs.....	Coffee and repartee.....	190	Holmes.....	Poetical works.....	209
	Enchanted typewriter.....	148	Hudson.....	Law of psychic phenomena.....	171
	House-boat on the Styx.....	212	Irving.....	Alhambra.....	209
	Idiot.....	154		History of New York.....	190
	Mr. Bonaparte of Corsica.....	135		Sketch book.....	418
	Pursuit of the house-boat.....	260		Life of Washington.....	227
Bartlett.....	Familiar quotations.....	136	Jerome.....	Idle thoughts of an idle	
Blackstone.....	Commentaries.....	250		fellow.....	247
Bolton.....	Famous American states-			On the stage and off.....	133
	men.....	191		Second thoughts of an idle	
Brooks.....	American Indian.....	194		fellow.....	152
	American sailor.....	137		Three men in a boat.....	333
Browning Robert & E. B.....	Letters.....	156	Kipling.....	Ballads and barrack-room	
Browning, Robert.....	Poems.....	278		ballads.....	133
Bryce.....	American commonwealth.....	246		Ditties and ballads.....	114
Buckley.....	Fairyland of science.....	145		Seven seas.....	209
Bulfinch.....	Age of fable.....	195	Longfellow.....	Evangeline.....	133
Bunyan.....	Pilgrim's progress.....	221	Milton.....	Paradise lost.....	209
Burns.....	Poetical works.....	175	Mitchell.....	Reveries of a bachelor.....	190
Carlyle.....	Sartor resartus.....	115	Moore.....	Poetical works.....	152
	French revolution.....	173	Motley.....	Dutch republic.....	209
Century, v. 27.....		584	Myers.....	General history.....	152
Clemens.....	Innocents abroad.....	212	Nansen.....	Farthest north.....	152
	Life on the Mississippi.....	404	Parkman.....	Conspiracy of Pontiac.....	209
	Tramp abroad.....	200		Oregon trail.....	114
	Roughing it.....	239	Plato.....	Dialogues.....	133
	Sketches.....	110	Plutarch.....	Lives.....	152
Cosmopolitan, v. 19.....		658	Poe.....	Choice works.....	229
Creasy.....	Fifteen decisive battles.....	130	Pollard.....	Bible and its history.....	114
Dana.....	Two years before the mast.....	171	Pope.....	Poetical works.....	114
Dante.....	Divine comedy.....	190	Prescott.....	Conquest of Mexico.....	414
Darwin.....	Descent of man.....	209		History of the conquest of	
	Origin of species.....	133		Peru.....	126
Davis.....	Our English cousins.....	114	Roosevelt.....	Winning of the West.....	114
Dooley.....	Mr. Dooley in peace and		Ruskin.....	Sesame and lilies.....	171
	war.....	428	Scott.....	Lady of the lake.....	277
Eddy.....	Science and health.....	749		Tales of a grandfather.....	133
Emerson.....	Essays.....	333	Scribner's magazine, v. 24.....		209
Frank Leslie's monthly, v. 48.....		323	Scribner's magazine, v. 25.....		114
Fiske.....	American revolution.....	189	Scribner's magazine, v. 26.....		114
	Discovery of America.....	171	Sloane.....	Electric toy making.....	114
	Critical period of Ameri-		Snider.....	Froebel's mother play	
	can history.....	114		songs.....	133
	History of the U. S.....	152	Stanley.....	In darkest Africa.....	190
George.....	Progress and poverty.....	190	Steele.....	Brief history of the U. S.....	209
Gibbon.....	Rome.....	226	Strickland.....	Lives of the queens of En-	
Goethe.....	Faust.....	209		gland.....	114
Goodwin.....	Improved book-keeping.....	114	Shakespeare.....	Plays.....	1083
Badeau.....	Military history of Grant.....	114	Tennyson.....	Poetical works.....	441
Gray.....	How plants grow.....	304	Upton.....	Standard operas.....	304
Green.....	Short history of the En-		Virgil.....	Æneid.....	171
	glish people.....	432	Whiting.....	World beautiful.....	171
Harper's magazine, v. 98.....		285	Whittier.....	Poetical works.....	209
Harper's magazine, v. 99.....		399	Wilcox.....	Poetical works.....	152
Holley.....	Samantha at Saratoga.....	201	Wordsworth.....	Poetical works.....	152

APPENDIX NO. II.

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES, MAY 1, 1900—APRIL 30, 1901.

2,435 Volumes and 6,952 Pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations from 1,073 sources, as follows:

	Vol.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Aberdeen (Scotland) Public Li- brary.....	1		Assoc. of Railway Supts. of Bridges and Building.....	8	
Adams, Chas. Francis. Boston.....	1		A. T. and S. F. R. R. Co.....	1	
Adams Nervine Asylum. Boston.....	19		Atkinson, Robt. St. Louis.....	115	
Ainsworth, D. H. St. Louis.....	1		Atlanta, Ga. Board of Education.....	1	
Aix-la-Chapelle. Staedtische Kur- direction.....	1		Babcock, D. Marshalltown, Ia.....	1	
Alabama Agric. Exp. Sta.....	5		Baker, C. F. St. Louis.....	118	342
— Geological Survey.....	2		Baker, I. O. Champaign, Ill.....	1	
All Souls Church. Chicago.....	2		Balch, E. S. Phila.....	1	
American Acad. of Medicine.....	11		Balch, T. W. Phila.....	2	
— Acad. of Political and Social Science.....	2		Baltimore. Chamber of Com- merce.....	2	
— Acad. of R. R. Surgeons.....	6		Baltimore. Dept. of Education.....	1	3
— Anti-Imperialist League (Chi- cago).....	7		Baltimore Sun.....	1	
— Anti-Trust League.....	2		Bangor, Me. Public Library.....	1	
— Anti-Vivisection Society.....	2		Barker, L. H., M. C. Washington, D. C.....	3	3
— Association for the Advance- ment of Science.....	1		Barnes, A. G. St. Louis.....	3	2
— Bankers' Association.....	1		Barnes Medical College.....	2	
— Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions.....	11		Barton, Rev. W. E. Oak Park, Ill.....	11	
— Catholic Hist. Researches.....	2		Batchellor, A. S. St. Louis.....	1	
— Church Missionary Soc.....	3		Bate, Miss F. E. St. Louis.....	1	
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— League of Phila.....	2		— Ligue Democratique Belge, Ghent.....	1	
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— Numismatic and Archæologi- cal Soc.....	1		Benton, J. H. Boston.....	1	
— Park and Outdoor Art Assoc.....	3		Berlin, Ger. Bureau of Statistics.....	2	
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Appleton & Co., D. New York.....	4		— City Hospital.....	8	
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Ashtabula, O. Economic League.....	1		— Improved Dwellings Assoc.....	1	
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Brookline, Mass. Public Library.....	8		— Municipal Library and Bureau of Statistics.....	1	
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Brown, Mrs. Lida Briggs. Utica, N. Y.....	1		— University of Chicago.....	1	
Brown University. Providence, R. I.....	1		Chicago Architectural Club.....	5	
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— Minneapolis. City Secretary.....	1		— brary.....		2
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— Public Library.....	3		— brary.....		1
— Minnesota. Chief Fire Warden.....	4		— New Earth, The, Brooklyn.....		53
— Geological and Natural His-			— New England Anti-Imperial		
— tory Survey.....	1		— League.....		2
— Insurance Commissioner.....	2		— New England Education League		
— R. R. and Warehouse Com-			— and Library Post Committee.....		1
— missioner.....	1		— New England Free Trade League.....		35
— State Board of Charities.....	9		— New England Historical and Gen-		
— State Horticultural Society.....	3		— ealogical Soc.....	1	18
— University Agric. Exp. Sta.....	4		— New England Society of Pennsyl-		
— Mississippi Valley Adv. Co., St.			— vania.....		2
— Louis.....	5		— New England Society of St. Louis.....		1
— Missouri. Auditor.....	1		— New Hampshire. Board of Li-		
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— Agric. Exp. Sta	1	1	North Carolina. Agric. Exp. Sta.		7
— Board of Education	1		— Geological Survey		1
— Bureau of Labor Statistics	3		— Corporation Committee	1	
— Commr. Banking and Insurance	2		North Dakota. Agric. Exp. Sta.		14
— Dairy Commissioner	1		— Auditor	1	
— Dept. of Factory and Workshop Inspection		1	— Com. of Agric. and Labor		1
— Geological Survey	2		— State Examiner		1
— R. R. and Canal Commission	2		— Weather Service		1
— Secretary of State	2		Norway. Bureau of Statistics		2
— State Board of Agriculture	12	6	Northwestern University Medical School		6
— State Board of Assessors	1		Nova Scotian Institute of Science		1
— State Charities Aid Association		1	Oahu College, Honolulu		1
— State Prison	1		Oakland, <i>Cal.</i> Free Library		1
— State Sewage Commission	1	1	Oberlin College, Oberlin, <i>Ohio</i>		6
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— Inspector of Mines and Agric.	1		— Commissioner of Water Works	1	
— Public Library		1	— Dept. of Inspection of Workshops and Foundries	1	
New York (<i>City</i>). Association of the Bar	4	15	— Secretary of State	1	
— Board of Education	4	13	— State Bar Association	1	
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— City Historical Club		11	— State Library		1
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— Normal College Alumnae House		1	— Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities	2	9
— Public Library		15	Oregon. Agric. Exp. Station		2
— Tax Reform Assoc		3	— Historical Society		5
— University		1	— Native Son		2
— Y. M. C. A	1	2	— Pioneer Association		12
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REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to submit my ninth annual report as Librarian of the Free Public Library, covering the year from May 1st, 1901, to April 30th, 1902, and including the close of my twenty-fifth year of service in this and the earlier institution out of which it grew. This year has been signalized by the fulfilment of the second condition of Mr. Carnegie's gift, as was the preceding year by his munificent offer and its immediate acceptance by an enthusiastic vote of the people. A full account of the negotiations that led to Mr. Carnegie's offer and the efforts made to fulfill its conditions is deferred to the close of the current year, by which time it is hoped the gift will begin to take shape in stone and brick.

While the securing of the Carnegie building fund is of such overwhelming importance as to dwarf every other event, the year shows a gratifying record in the general growth and progress of the Library. The additions to the collection were more numerous and more valuable than ever before, numbering 23,855 volumes, and including a number of costly works on the fine arts and other permanent additions to the reference department. The registration reached a total of nearly 55,000; and the total issue of books and periodicals went beyond the million mark.

The tax rate for the special library fund having been raised, by popular vote, from 1-5 to 2-5 of a mill, the revenue thus derived was, of course,

nearly doubled. The exact sum was \$149,321.24, as against \$75,727.18 of the previous year, a gain of \$73,594.06. The desk receipts amounted to \$5,852.79, an increase of \$757.98 over the previous year. The chief items in this source of revenue are fines, (amounting this year to \$3,018.14 and showing an increase of \$337.80 over the previous year), and receipts from the Collection of Duplicates, amounting to \$2,115.53, a gain of \$263.93. The total charges for replacing lost cards aggregated \$259.90, differing from the record of the previous year only by the addition of 80 cents. The gross receipts from rents amounted to \$11,649.13.

The total expenditure for maintenance, including the amount expended for books, periodicals and binding, was \$67,623.32, an increase of \$13,935.99. Nearly all of this additional outlay was devoted to the up-keep and increase of the collection, the expenditure for books, periodicals and binding being \$25,633.35, an excess of nearly \$11,000 over the previous year. Books alone cost \$19,697.17, binding \$4,827.51, and periodicals, \$1,108.67. The expenditure for furniture and repairs was unusually large, owing to the purchase of card cabinets, desks and boxes for delivery stations, a typewriter, chairs for reading room, repairing and reframing pictures, etc. During the year \$36,801.44 was paid on account of real estate investments (building site \$33,088.75, commissions and repairs \$2,486.25, taxes for street reconstruction, \$1,226.44), making a total outgo of \$104,424.76, and leaving a balance of \$80,800.37 in the treasury on April 7, 1902, the date when the accounts for the fiscal year were closed at the City Hall. A full statement of receipts and expenditures for the year and also a summary of receipts and expenditures for the eight years and two months since the transfer of the Library to its present governing body will be found in the following tables.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 7, 1902.
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To balance in City Treasury, April 8, 1901.....	\$ 18,197 29	
Collections April 8, 1901-April 7, 1902.....	149,321 24	\$167,518 53.

Collection of Duplicates—

Books issued	\$2,045 95		
Magazines sold.....	69 60	\$ 2,115 55	
Fines		3,018 12	
Books sold, lost and paid for.....		343 94	
Catalogues		46 00	
Lost cards		259 90	
Postals		50 60	
Miscellaneous		18 68	5,852 79
Rent Collections			11,649 13
Interest			195 68
Refund, book account.....			9 00
			<u>\$185,225 13</u>

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By Salaries	26,820 62
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Books, Main Collection.....	\$ 18,422 87	
Books, Collection of Duplicates.....	1,274 30	
Binding	4,827 51	
Periodicals	838 84	
Periodicals, Collection of Duplicates.....	269 83	25,633 35

Building Site	\$ 36,801 44	
Rent	7,500 00	
Insurance	857 95	
Furniture and Repairs.....	2,135 03	47,294 42

Expense—

Printing and Stationery.....	\$ 1,682 13	
Delivery Stations	2,206 58	
Postage	178 35	
Sundries	347 82	
Supplies	259 74	
Advertising	1 75	4,676 37

Total Expenditures	\$ 104,424 76
Balance in City Treasury, April 7, 1902.....	66,221 01
Balance in Bank Fund, April 1, 1902.....	14,441 90
Balance in Contingent Fund, April, 1902.....	137 40

\$ 185,225 13

Building Site—

Principal and Interest Notes.....		\$ 33.088 75
Commissions and repairs.....	\$2,486 25	
Taxes, street	1,226 44	3,712 64
		<u>\$ 36,801 44</u>

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894. TO APRIL, 1902.

RECEIPTS.

	City Collections	Desk Receipts.	Rent.	Insurance	Misc.	Total.
1894.....	\$ 49.773 52	\$ 113 66	.....	.....	.....	\$ 49,887 18
1895.....	59,035 80	2,593 26	.....	.....	\$ 3 41	61,632 47
1896.....	61,929 51	3,649 98	\$ 452 79	.....	87 96	66,150 24
1897.....	64,663 32	3,741 31	1,879 56	.....	187 72	70,471 31
1898.....	67,638 45	3,839 86	1,480 00	.....	424 81	73,383 12
1899.....	71,340 13	3,901 72	12,328 55	\$39,742 72	476 24	127,789 36
1900.....	73,781 47	4,392 48	12,945 50	.....	51 98	91,171 43
1901.....	75,727 18	5,095 81	13,501 46	.....	398 23	94,722 68
1902.....	149,321 24	5,852 79	11,649 13	.....	204 75	167,027 91
Total.....	\$673,210 62	\$33,180 87	\$54,266 99	\$39,742 72	\$1835 10	\$802,236 30

EXPENDITURES.

	Mainte- nance.	Real Estate.		Total.
1894.....	\$ 2,876 19	.....	.....	\$ 2,876 19
1895.....	43,305 69	.....	.....	43,305 69
1896.....	52,318 45	\$ 40,900 00	.....	93,218 45
1897.....	48,738 69	24,872 58	.....	73,611 27
1898.....	58,051 90	29,972 00	.....	88,023 90
1899.....	55,811 21	88,347 95	.....	144,159 16
1900.....	45,789 48	36,973 36	.....	82,762 84
1901.....	53,687 33	35,366 34	.....	89,053 67
1902.....	67,623 32	36,801 44	.....	104,424 76
Total.....	\$428,202 26	\$ 293,234 67	.....	\$ 721,435 93

Balance in City Treasury April 8, 1902.....	\$ 66,221.01
Balance in Bank Fund	14,441.90
Balance in Contingent Fund, April, 1902.....	137.46
	<u>\$802,236.30</u>

REGISTRATION.

The total of registered cardholders increased during the year from 51,193 to 54,701. There were also 2,076 "extra" (non-fiction) cards and 186 "Teachers'" cards issued; 18,761 cards that had been filled were replaced by new ones, and 1,274 cards were lost and paid for. The charge of ten cents for replacing lost cards fully pays for the stationery used and the time occupied in providing a new card. Guarantors to the number of 148 withdrew, and 9 were cancelled. Among the other miscellaneous work of this department was the changing of 3,598 addresses and the mailing of 113 notices. It has been deemed advisable, in the interest of economy, to have both sides of the reader's card ruled for charging, omit-

ting the rules formerly printed on the reverse side. The general registration and the registration by wards are given below.

Total cards in force, April 30, 1901.....	51,193	
Registered May 1, 1901-April 30, 1902.....	13,818	65,011
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Cards expiring to April 30, 1902.....	16,410	
Less re-registered	6,100	10,310
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		54,701
Total cards in force April 30, 1902, as follows:		
Men	13,922	
Women	16,044	
Children	24,605	
Institutions	130	
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Total cards in force April 30, 1902.....	54,701	54,701

REGISTRATION BY WARDS, FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1902

Ward.		Ward.		Ward.	
1	948	11	397	21	645
2	677	12	309	22	945
3	1069	13	825	23	338
4	395	14	386	24	915
5	285	15	493	25	1189
6	731	16	654	26	1293
7	511	17	762	27	825
8	643	18	495	28	1265
9	806	19	672	Suburban	307
10	1089	20	549		
				Total	19,918

ORDER AND CATALOGUING DEPARTMENT.

This year is distinguished above all previous years by the addition of 23,855 volumes to the collection, more than twice the average of previous years. Of these 21,848 were purchases and 1,545 gifts. The purchases included 477 volumes of old periodicals to complete sets. The additions included 1743 volumes in the German language, 120 volumes in French, 44 volumes in Swedish and 39 volumes in other languages.

The purchasing of nearly 22,000 books and the cataloguing of nearly 24,000 occupied the time and absorbed the energies of the staff of the order and cataloguing department to the exclusion of other work that had theretofore been carried on. In previous years many lists were prepared, some printed and others typewritten and hung on the bulletin boards. This year no printing was done except lists of novels; and the typewritten lists were confined to recent additions and a bibliography of the Goethe literature in the library. It is hoped that in the coming year finding-lists of English and German fiction will be published, as well as a list of technological books and various special lists for the guidance of readers.

Practically no work was done on the subject index begun three years ago; and it was necessary to stop progress on the portrait collection, which had been worked on from time to time for over twelve years. Nevertheless, the copying of the shelf-list of novels from sheets to standard cards was completed, R to Z being copied during the year; and the shelf-list of juveniles was copied from A to F. The work of this department was carried on under the disadvantage of crowded quarters. That so much was done and so well done reflects special credit on the head of the department, and speaks for the intelligence, industry and zeal of her assistants.

Particulars regarding class, source and language of the year's accessions are given in the following tables.

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1902.

CLASSES.	Reg. Library.	Coll. of Duplicates	Totals.
Philosophy.....	74	.....	74
Religion.....	320	.....	320
Social Science.....	1151	2	1153
Natural Science.....	1138	.....	1138
Art and Poetry.....	736	6	742
Fiction.....	8894	1361	10255
Juvenile Literature.....	7724	5	7729
Literary Miscellany.....	531	8	539
Travels and History.....	1309	3	1312
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals.....	593	.....	593
	22470	1385	23855
SOURCE.			
Purchase.....	20463	1385	21848
Gift.....	1545	.....	1545
Pamphlets, bound.....	14	.....	14
Periodicals, bound.....	448	.....	448
	22470	1385	23855
LANGUAGE.			
English.....	20524	1385	21909
French.....	120	.....	120
German.....	1743	.....	1743
Other.....	83	.....	83
	22470	1385	23855

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Withdrawn	8,731
Lost and paid for.....	183
Miscellaneous (burned on account of contagious diseases).....	38
Charged to borrower.....	95
Total.....	9,047
Total additions	23,855
Less above	9,047
Net increase	14,808

Of the 8,731 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 3,248 were replaced by new copies, as were also 43 volumes out of 183 lost and paid for.

IMPORTANT ADDITIONS.

Among the many noteworthy purchases, the following seem of most importance. They are nearly all reference books, and about two-fifths of them are works on the graphic arts.

FINE ARTS.

- Architectural masterpieces of Belgium, Holland, etc. F.
- Chandler, J. E. Colonial architecture. 1900. O.
- Espouy, H.d'. Fragments d'architecture antique. F.
- Hall, J. Essay on Gothic architecture. 1813. F.
- Kelly, E. H. Architectural acoustics. 1898. O.
- Wheatley, R. Cathedrals and abbeys in Gt. Brit. and Ireland. 1890. F.
- Hartmann, S. Modern Amer. sculpture. F.

- Loehr, A. R. v. Wiener Medailleure. 1899. F.
 Schulz, A. Deutsche sculpturen der neuzeit. F.
 Baldry, A. L. Hubert von Herkomer. 1901. F.
 Marillier, H. C. Dante Gabriel Rossetti. 1901. F.
 Paris. Salon. 1900. F.
 Rooses, M. Fifty masterpieces of Van Dyck. 1900. F.
 Stevenson, R. A. M. Art of Velasquez. 1895. F.
 Watt, J. C. Examples of Greek and Pompeian work. 1897. F.
 Beardsley, A. Later work. 1901. Q.
 Dilke, *Lady*. French furniture and decoration of the 18th century. 1901. Q.
 English household furniture. 1900. F.
 Lockwood, L. V. Colonial furniture in Amer. 1901. Q.
 Salwey, Mrs. C. M. (B.) Fans of Japan. 1894. F.

TRAVEL, HISTORY, BIOGRAPHY, ETC.

- Brown, R. Countries of the world. 6v. Q.
 Larned, J. N. History for ready reference. 1901. v. 6.
 Pausanias. Description of Greece; tr. by J. C. Frazer. 1898. 6v.
 Conard, H. L. Encyclopedia of the history of Mo. 1901. 6v.
 American reference library. [c1900.] 6v. O.
 Holinshed, R. Chronicles of England, Scotland and Ireland. 1807-8. 6v.
 Ramsay, Sir J. H. Lancaster and York. 1892. 2v. O.
 Hazlitt, W. C. Venetian republic. 1900. 2v. O.
 Lugard, F. D. Rise of our East African empire. 1893. 2v. O.
 Gatty, Mrs. A. Book of sun-dials. 1900. Q.
 Head, B. V. Historia numorum. 1887. Q.
 Bradford, W. Sketches of the country, costume, etc., of Portugal and Spain, 1809. F.
 Artagnan, Charles de Baty de Castlemore, *comte d'* Memoirs. 1899. 3v. O.
 Byrd, W. Writing; ed. by J. S. Bassett. 1901. Q.
 Greard, V. C. O. Meissonier. 1897. F.
 Mason, G. C. Life and works of Gilbert Stuart. 1879. Q.
 Davies, A. C. F. Armorial families. 1895. F.
 Imperial reference library; ed. by C. S. Morris. 6v. [c1899]. Q.
 Fletcher, W. I. Index to general literature, enlarged to 1900. Q. 2 cop.
 Poole, W. F. Index to periodical literature; abr. by W. I. Fletcher. 1901. Q.
 Morris, H., and Lond, M. B. Human anatomy. 1899. Q.

EXCHANGES AND DONATIONS.

The receipts by exchange and gift during the year amounted to 2,186 volumes and 5,525 pamphlets, not quite as many as the total for the preceding year. They came from 871 sources, and are separately acknowledged in an appendix. The largest donation was that of Mr. Chas. R. Gregory, who, to his former gift, added another box of French books numbering 250 volumes. With these was included, also, a fine set of Tacitus from Mr. Wm. A. Gregory. The Library is indebted to City Register Fitzgibbon for 325 volumes of Mayor's Messages for use in making exchanges. The Art League of St. Louis presented its portfolio collection of over fifteen hundred reproductions of famous pictures, which had been for several years deposited in the Library and issued therefrom. Other gifts of from ten to seventy-five volumes were received from the following persons, firms and institutions: Mrs. Geo. O. Carpenter, Congregational Missionary Library, D. C. Heath & Co., Mr. Geo. C. Hitchcock, Indiana State Library, Hon. Chas. F. Joy, Miss Alice Litton, Missouri Branch W. B. M. I. (as a nucleus for Congregational Missionary Reference Library), Gen. Jno. W. Noble, Miss Elizabeth Patterson, Hon. Chas. E. Pearce, Mr. E. C. Robbins, Jas. A. Rose, Sec'y State, Illinois, Social Settlement League, and Hon. A. M. Thayer.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

The task of taking stock naturally becomes greater as the collection grows; but the difficulty is further increased by the crowded condition of our shelves and the consequent impossibility of keeping the books in proper order. The inventory completed May 31, 1901, shows that on that date there were on the shelves about 141,701 volumes, of which 135,701 were catalogued. The following tables give the contents of the collection by classes and by rooms. The additions from June 1, 1901, to April 30, 1902 (after subtracting books worn out, lost and paid for, etc.), bring the total up to 156,092 volumes.

As always happens, this inventory accounted for a number of volumes (95) that could not be found or accounted for at the previous stock-taking.

The weekly and monthly records summed up at the time of the stock-taking showed that during the two years between inventories 8,493 volumes had been worn out and withdrawn, 313 volumes lost and paid for, 190 volumes charged to borrowers and not returned, and 1,158 volumes were not accounted for. The last item will unquestionably be considerably reduced, as each inventory discovers books previously unaccounted for.

While the chief object of an inventory is to ascertain what books are on hand and what have disappeared, there are incidental results that are of no small value. In general, it serves as a revision of the shelf list (or official classed catalogue), checking that with the books themselves, and thus discovering any discrepancies between the card and book and any mistakes that may have been made in the shelf-list, or in preparing the book for circulation. It also calls attention to books out of place on the shelves and to loss of title pages and other imperfections. It is an inspection as well as an inventory.

CONTENTS OF LIBRARY, JUNE 1, 1901.

Classes.	Reg. Lib.	Coll. of Dup.	Totals.
Philosophy	1,466	....	1,466
Theology	5,774	....	5,774
Social Science	21,348	....	21,348
Natural Science	18,530	....	18,530
Art and Poetry.....	7,797	2	7,799
Fiction	24,956	489	25,445
Juvenile Literature	20,343	1	20,344
Literary Miscellany	7,262	3	7,265
Travels and History.....	16,147	6	16,153
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals.....	11,577	....	11,577
	135,200	501	135,701
Unentered duplicates and books not yet catalogued, about.....			6,000
Total contents, May 31, 1901.....			141,701

CONTENTS OF EACH ROOM.

Circulation Department—			
Main Library	87,884		
Collection of Duplicates.....	501		
Froebel Collection	325		
	88,710		
Ref. Books in Issue Department.....	2,553		91,263
Reference Department—			
Public Document Room.....			13,323
U. S. Documents shelved in hall.....			8,886
Reading Room.....			1,375
Art Room			1,905
Catalogue Room			345
Office			47
Reference Room	15,068		
McAnally Collection	3,484		18,552
			135,701
Unentered duplicates, etc. (about).....			6,000
Total contents of collection, May 31, 1901.....			141,701
Added, June 1, 1901-April 30, 1902.....	22,922		
Withdrawn, lost and paid for, etc., June 1, 1901-April 30, 1902..	8,531		
Net additions			14,391
Total contents, April 30, 1902.....			156,092

BINDING.

Both in volumes bound for the first time and in volumes rebound there is, as was to be expected, an increase—not a large one—over last year: 1,417 volumes bound, as compared with 1,137 of the previous year, and 8,927 rebound, as against 8,404 of the preceding year. The cost of the former averaged 67.9 cents per volume, and of the latter 40 cents a volume, exactly the same average as that of the former year. Most of the volumes newly bound are reference books, while nearly all the rebound books belong to the circulation department. There were also 2,712 volumes repaired by contract, and 9,471 repaired in the Library.

CIRCULATION.

This year we crossed the million mark. The total issue of books and periodicals was 1,082,370. The home issue was 778,507, divided as follows: Main desk (drawn by call slips), 176,291; open shelves, 173,893 (of which 41,263 were from the Collection of Duplicates); delivery stations, 237,531; supplementary reading and depositories, 103,320; juvenile room, 87,972. The gain in the home issue was 38,328, and the total gain 83,773.

The above figures show that out of 778,507 books drawn for home reading 340,851, 43 per cent, were issued through the delivery stations and other outside agencies; that of books drawn by adults at the Library, nearly as many were selected by readers from the open shelves as were called for at the receiving desk; and that nearly one-fourth of the books drawn from the open shelves were from the Collection of Duplicates; and, also, that of the juvenile issue, considerably more than half was distributed through the schools. These facts plainly indicate that the open shelf system should be extended, and that the growth of the Library's usefulness to the public must come through the extension of its distributing agencies—through the increase of delivery stations, the establishment of branches and a closer co-operation with the schools. The largest week-day issue was 4,340, and the smallest was 1,361, on August 2. The total Sunday issue was 16,941, and the holiday issue 15,009, an average of 1,851 for the eight holidays. The average daily issue was 3,338; the average week-day issue, 3,468. The number of periodicals issued in the Reading Room was 208,757. The recorded issue of books for use in the Reading Room and the Reference Room was 95,106; but thousands of volumes were used in the Reference Room of which no record was made. There has been a decrease in the number of ordinary books drawn for pastime reading in the Reading Room, and a marked increase in the use of the Reference Room for study and investigation. The latter room was frequently crowded to the point of discomfort. The increase in the use of the Reference Department was in greater ratio than that of any other department. The books drawn for both Reading Room and Reference Room (i. e., for reading and for study) numbered, the previous year, 70,606; the year before that, 66,966—showing a gain of less than 4,000. This year shows an increase from 70,606 to 95,106—more than 35 per cent. The use of the Reference Room has steadily grown from the beginning, but has not before shown so great an increase. And, as remarked before, an increasing ratio of this issue of books for use in the Library consists of books drawn in the Reference Room; while as the issue grows, the record falls more and more short of the actual figures. Full details of the issue for the year are given in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS.

*Owing to lack of transportation.

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	Home Issue.	Per Cent.	Library Issue.	Per Cent.	Total Issue of Books.	Per Cent.
Philosophy.....	3,682	.47	1,065	1.14	4,747	.55
Religion.....	3,830	.49	4,058	4.27	7,888	.90
Soc. Science.....	5,794	.74	14,072	14.79	19,866	2.27
Natural Science.....	14,203	1.82	12,826	13.48	27,029	3.09
Art.....	6,526	.84	7,259	7.63	13,785	1.58
Poetry.....	9,807	1.26	3,736	3.93	13,543	1.54
Fiction.....	396,429	49.63	7,121	7.48	393,550	45.06
Coll. of Dup.....	41,263	5.30	.....	.....	41,263	4.72
Juvenile.....	285,548	34.11	1,210	1.27	286,758	30.53
Lit. Misc.....	10,406	1.34	6,375	6.70	16,781	1.92
Travels.....	6,777	.87	4,305	4.52	11,082	1.27
History.....	8,913	1.27	8,914	9.37	18,827	2.16
Biography.....	8,070	1.04	5,813	6.11	13,883	1.59
Magazine.....	6,256	.80	18,332	19.27	24,588	2.81
Total.....	778,507	99.98	95,106	99.96	873,613	99.98

SUMMARIES.

	1900-01	1901-02
Home issue, regular library	704,363	737,344
Home issue, collection of duplicates.....	35,816	41,263
Library issue	740,179	778,607
Total issue of books	810,785	873,613
Reading Room issue--periodicals.....	187,812	208,757
Total issue in all departments.....	998,597	1,082,370
Gain in 1901-1902 over 1900-1901.....		83,773

Largest Week Day Issue, Wednesday,
February 28, 1902.

Main desk.....	595
Open shelves.....	572
Juvenile	278
Del. Sta. and Depositories.....	1,767
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Total home issue.....	3,212
Library issue	306
Reading room.....	822

Total issue in all Departments.. 4,340

Largest Sunday Issue, Nov. 3, 1901.	
Library issue.....	344
Reading room.....	345

Total 689

Total Sunday Issue.	
Library issue.....	2,135
Reading room	14,806

Total16,941

Average Daily Issue	
Home issue.....	2,495
Library issue.....	264
Reading room.....	579

Total 3,338

Smallest Week Day Issue, August 2,
1901.

Main desk.....	422
Open shelves	346
Juvenile	156
Delivery stations	437
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Total home issue.....	1,361
Library issue.....	84
Reading room.....	378

Total issue in all Departments.. 1,823

Smallest Sunday Issue, July 21, 1901.	
Library issue.....	22
Reading room.....	98

Total 120

Average Sunday Issue.	
Library issue.....	41
Reading room.....	284

Total 325

Average Week Day Issue.	
Home issue.....	2,495
Library issue.....	304
Reading room.....	669

Total 3,468

HOLIDAY ISSUE.

Decoration Day	1,440	260	465	2,165
Fourth of July.....	307	25	140	472
Labor Day	1,320	209	372	1,901
McKinley's funeral	120	.....	.....	120
Thanksgiving Day	454	82	615	1,151
Christmas Day	23	32	275	330
New Year's Day.....	108	95	902	3,795
Washington's Birthday.....	3,596	647	832	5,075
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Total	7,368	1,350	3,601	15,009
Average	921	168	450	1,851

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATES ISSUED BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY
WAS MADE FREE.

	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02
May.....	612	1,394	990	1,258	1,096	1,401	2,431	2,957
June.....	542	1,222	978	1,160	625	1,324	2,290	2,747
July.....	643	1,192	900	1,034	1,029	1,320	2,199	2,785
August.....	733	1,225	930	985	1,102	1,574	2,305	2,690
September.....	666	1,016	878	972	917	1,707	2,200	2,522
October.....	771	1,130	995	1,367	1,307	1,930	2,974	2,569
November.....	931	1,302	1,046	1,643	1,281	2,230	3,621	3,845
December.....	987	1,257	1,181	1,894	1,423	2,577	3,536	3,838
January.....	1,190	1,469	1,389	1,858	1,507	3,082	3,678	4,303
February.....	1,482	1,459	1,413	1,670	1,491	2,536	3,480	4,100
March.....	1,780	1,378	1,380	1,680	1,591	3,548	3,773	4,596
April.....	1,649	1,085	1,396	1,394	1,446	2,755	3,329	3,971
Total.....	11,986	15,159	13,476	16,915	15,815	25,984	35,816	41,263
Average.....	990	1,266	1,123	1,409	1,269	2,165	2,818	3,438

CIRCULATION BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99	99-00	00-01	01-02
Home Issue	331,426	472,718	551,059	647,171	698,339	707,823	740,179	778,507
Reference and Library..	40,628	46,082	51,240	69,070	65,732	66,966	70,606	95,106
Reading Room.....	165,359	170,142	184,729	204,259	195,783	201,886	187,812	208,757
Total	537,413	688,942	788,028	920,500	959,854	976,675	998,597	1,082,370

DELIVERY STATIONS.

There were issued through the stations 237,331 books, a gain of 26,547. Station 14, Pestalozzi and Salena, had the largest issue, 13,994. This was followed by No. 22, Grand and Finney avenues, with 10,019; No. 23, Broadway and Keokuk, 9,709; No. 25, Lafayette and California, 9,407; No. 19, Semple and Easton, 8,667; No. 30, Leffingwell and Cass, 8,575, and No. 33, Goode and Easton, 8,527.

On January 1 our contract with the St. Louis Delivery Company was cancelled and a new one made. In addition to the two wagons already in service this new contract provided for the one-third time of a third wagon until June, two-thirds until November, and full time thereafter to the end of the contract.

Station No. 6, 3625 North Broadway, and No. 27, Grand and Pine, were changed from bi-weeklies to dailies. No. 17 was moved from Delmar and Sarah to 919 Sarah; No. 27, from 3350 Laclede to Grand, between Lindell and Pine; No. 7 from 14th and Monroe to 15th and Chambers. Under our contract the following new stations have been added:

No. 39. Westmoreland Hotel Drug Store.

41. No. 2 North Jefferson avenue.
42. Washington and Jefferson avenues.
43. No. 4865 St. Louis avenue.
44. Broadway and Marion.
45. 25th street and Bremen avenue.
46. Jefferson and Shenandoah avenues.
47. Academy avenue and Suburban Tracks.
48. No. 1827 Cass avenue.

By our contract we are allowed seventy stations; and the probabilities are, that, before the winter is over, we shall have our full quota.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

The increase in the issue of books for children is not so great as we had reason to expect, and the explanation is easy to find. It lies in the lack of facilities for carrying the books to and from the schools. Miss Krug reports:

"The Supply Commissioner gave us *very* limited transportation, from one to three small boxes per day during the months of October, March and April; *no* transportation during September, January and February; *good* transportation, about ten boxes per day, during November and December. So great was the enthusiasm of principals, teachers and children that they were willing to do a great deal of heavy transportation by carrying the books.

"Of the seventy-five white schools in the city, fifty have been fairly constant borrowers; nine drew occasionally, and sixteen not at all. Of these sixteen, five had used the sets quite regularly the previous year, but did not call for them this year, and eleven have never used the supplementary reading. The colored schools have not made much use of sets."

Supplementary Reading.

From the experience of the last three years, Miss Krug makes the following interesting comments on the relative popularity or unpopularity of the books sent in sets to the schools. The degree of popularity depends, to some extent, on the material make-up of the book, as is indicated in several items in the lists:

USEFULNESS OF THE OLD SETS.

"Some of our first selections we may still count as our best material. The following are especially popular:

Baldwin. Old Greek stories.	— Stories of great Americans for little Americans.
— Old stories of the East.	Homer. Story of Troy; Clark.
Brooks. Stories of the red children.	Kingsley. Greek heroes.
Carroll. Alice in wonderland.	Lane. Stories for children.
Clemens. Prince and pauper.	Lang. Fairy books, Cinderella, etc.
DeFoe. Robinson Crusoe. (McMurry.)	McMurry. Classic stories.
Dodge. Hans Brinker.	Mulock. Adventures of a brownie.
Eggleston. First book in American history.	— Little lame prince.
— Stories of American life and adventure.	Sewell. Black beauty.
	Swinton. Golden book.
	Taylor. Boys of other countries.
	Wiggin. The Bird's Christmas carol.

These have grown in popularity during the last year:

Norton. Heart of oak books.	Longfellow. Hiawatha. (Unabridged.)
Johonnot. Book of cats and dogs.	
— Neighbors with wings and fins.	Morley. Seed babies.

"There is still much call for the geographical books, also for Lovering's New York and Pratt's Massachusetts, by those who dote on books of information.

"Of the new sets added during the last year these are especially to be commended:

La Motte-Fouqué. Undine.	Six nursery classics.
Martineau. Peasant and prince.	Wyss. Swiss family Robinson.
Ruskin. King of the Golden River.	The Caldecott picture books.
Scudder. Book of legends.	

"The last named have grown greatly in popularity. Unfortunately these sets, as also the "Prince and Pauper" sets, could not be circulated, as they were too heavy to carry by hand.

"These have not proved wholly satisfactory:

Arabian Nights. (Not a good edition. *Riverside*.)
Homer. Ulysses. (*Cook*.) (Better edition wanted.)
Froissart. Chronicles; Singleton. (Seems rather difficult.)
Story of the English kings. (Seems rather difficult.)
Old World wonder stories; and, Perrault. Tales of Mother Goose. (Not so satisfactory as the Lang books.)
Nibelungen Lied; Burt.
True. The iron star.
Golden fairy book.

"Some of the sets for which we had little or no call we have put into the ordinary circulation department. They are doing good service there, and have helped us out when we were short of books. The sets so transferred are:

Aesop fables; Pratt. Ser. 1.....2 sets.
Beckwith. In mythland.....1 set.
Goody Two Shoes.....1 set.
Holbrook. Hiawatha primer.....1 set.
Longfellow. Hiawatha, the Indian.....1 set.
Lang. Jack, the giant-killer.....1 set.
Thompson. First reader1 set.

"These sets were worn out:

Baldwin. Fifty famous stories.....1 set.
— Old stories of the East.....1 set.

Bates. Fairy tale of a fox.....	2 sets.
Brooks. Stories of the red children.....	1 set.
Crosby. Our little book for little folks.....	2 sets.
Lane. Stories for children.....	2 sets.
Lang. History of Whittington.....	1 set.
— Jack and the bean stalk.....	2 sets.
— Little Red Riding Hood.....	1 set.
— Princess on the glass hill.....	1 set.
— Sleeping Beauty	1 set.
— Snow-drop	4 sets.
McMurry. Classic stories	1 set.

Depository Libraries.

“There was no growth over last year in the circulation through this agency. We found, last year, that some schools had asked for large collections and had used them very little, so that we did not specially encourage these to draw again. Then, too, in the middle of the year, we refused all applicants who wanted school libraries, because our supply of books was short. The books were better used this year, and where the issue report was not satisfactory we called them in. I recommend that we send out smaller collections, thirty instead of fifty books, and add as the issue grows.”

ISSUED FROM DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES, 1901-1902.

	Books.	Weeks.	Total Issue	Average per week.
Carondelet	150	28	2,599	93
Clinton	115	27	2,215	82
Columbia	125	21	1,882	90
Eliot.....	260	20	2,791	140
Elleardsville.....	25	14	273	20
Fremont.....	275	32	5,951	186
Garfield.....	130	27	975	36
Madison.....	36	3	270	90
Marshall.....	40	8	170	25
Pestalozzi.....	100	11	604	55
Pope.....	75	24	614	26
Shepard.....	200	26	3,523	135
Soc. Settlement.....	30	7	32	5
Walther College.....	70	11	422	38
Total.....			22,321	

THE CARNEGIE GIFT.

On May 7, 1902, just subsequent to the close of the year covered by this report, the property of the old Exposition was sold under an order of the bondholders, and was purchased by President Lehmann under authorization of the Board of Directors of the Library, for \$280,000. This was the total amount of the bonds and accrued interest and the floating debt of the Exposition Company. The bulk of the money was raised by subscription among the Directors of the St. Louis Union Trust Company. This was supplemented by subscriptions from four or five holders of Exposition paper, and the small balance was made up by the Board out of the Library funds. The Exposition site thus passed into the possession of the Library Board, to be used as a site for the central Carnegie building. The ordinance, however, which grants this use, compels the retention of the building now on the ground until after the conclusion of the Louisiana Purchase World's Fair.

THE STAFF.

In April, 1902. Mr. Jonathan W. George, Reference Librarian, resigned his position to enter business, after twelve years of creditable service in the Library. The position has been satisfactorily filled by the promotion of Miss Katherine T. Moody. For the staff, as a whole, I can only repeat the words of appreciation and praise of last year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

Nov. 10, 1902.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edward L. Preetorius, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1902, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

EDW. L. PREETORIUS,
*Chairman Auditing Committee,
Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.*

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th November, Nineteen hundred and two.

((Seal.))

H. A. BERKEMEYER,
Notary Public.

My term expires June 13th, 1906.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, } ss.

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 2d day of May, 1903.

((Seal.))

OTTO L. ZELLE,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis.

My term expires November 10, 1905.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES, MAY 1, 1901—APRIL 30, 1902.

2186 Volumes and 5520 Pamphlets were received as exchanges and donations from 869 sources, as follows:

	Vol.	Pphs.
Abbott, E. H. <i>Boston, Mass.</i>.....	...	1
Accrington. <i>Eng.</i> Public Library.....	...	1
Adams Nervine Asylum.....	...	1
Aguilar Free Library N. Y.....	...	2
Alabama. Agric. Exp. Sta.....	...	4
— Geol. Survey	1	...
Albany. Bd. of Pub. Instruction.....	...	1
Allegheny, <i>Pa.</i> Carnegie Free Library.....	...	1
American Academy of Medicine.....	...	4
American Anti-Trust League.....	...	3
American Bankers' Assoc.....	1	1
American Bd. of Commrs. for Foreign Missions.....	...	14
American Catholic hist. researches.....	...	3
American Church Missionary Soc.....	...	2
American Climatological Assoc.....	...	2
American Colonization Soc. <i>Wash.</i>.....	...	3
American Congregational Assoc. <i>Boston.</i>.....	...	2
American electro-therapeutic and X-ray era.....	...	1
American Federation of Labor. <i>Wash.</i>.....	...	2
American Fireproofing and Cement Construction Co.....	1	...
American Free Trade League. <i>Boston.</i>.....	...	3
American Friend Pub. Co.....	...	17
American Institute of Architects. <i>Wash.</i>.....	...	4
American Irish Hist. Soc.....	1	...
American mathematical monthly. <i>Springfield, Mo.</i>.....	...	3
American medical journalist.....	...	2
American monthly magazine.....	...	4
American Numismatic and Archaeological Soc.....	...	1
American Park and Outdoor Art Assoc.....	1	4
American Peace Society.....	...	17
American Protective Tariff League.....	...	2
American Social Science Assoc.....	1	1
American Soc. for the Extension of Univ. Teaching.....	...	1
American Soc. of Civil Engineers.....	2	...
American Street Railroad Assoc.....	...	1
Amherst College.....	...	2
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Mass.....	1	14
Anderson, Dr. J. T. <i>Brooklyn, N. Y.</i>.....	...	..1
Andover Theological Seminary.....	...	1
Annals of the propagation of the faith.....	...	1
Anonymous.	1	8
Appleton & Co. (D.) N. Y.....	1	...
Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools in Middle States and Md.....	...	1
Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Southern States.....	...	1
Association of Military Surgeons.....	...	3
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe. R. R. Co.....	...	1
Atlanta. Bd. of Educ.....	...	3

Atlanta. Carnegie Library.....	...	1
Audubon Soc. of Mo.t.....	...	2
Bachelor. ....	...	3
Balch, T. W. <i>Phil.</i>	1	...
Baltimore. Chamber of Commerce.....	1	...
Baltimore sun.....	...	1
Earnes Medical College. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	1
Barrow-in Furness, <i>Eng.</i> Free Public Library.....	...	1
Bates, W. H.....	6	...
Battersea Public Libraries.....	...	1
Bayer Company Ltd. <i>Elberfeld, Germany</i>	3	21
Peer, L. W. <i>New Orleans</i>	1	...
Belgium. Dept. of Agric. and Pub. Works.....	...	15
Belleville, <i>Ill.</i> Public Library.....	...	1
Bemis, E. W. <i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>.....	...	1
Berlin. Bureau of Statistics.....	...	1
—Magistrates .....	...	1
Beverly, <i>Mass.</i> Public Library.....	...	1
Billon. <i>Miss. St. Louis</i>	7	...
Blackburn Free Library. <i>County Borough of Blackburn, Eng.</i>...	...	1
Blair, J. L. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	1
Blees Military Academy. <i>Macon, Mo.</i>.....	...	4
Bolton. Public Free Library. <i>Bolton, Eng.</i>.....	...	1
Book notes. <i>Providence, R. I.</i>.....	...	6
Boston. Associated Charities.....	...	1
—Auditor	1	...
—Chamber of Commerce.....	1	...
—Children's Aid Society.....	...	1
—Children's Institutions Dept.....	2	...
—Dept. of Parks.....	...	1
—Health Department.....	1	14
—Home for Aged Men.....	...	1
—Improved Dwelling Association.....	...	1
—Industrial Aid Society.....	...	1
—Industrial School for Crippled and Deformed Children...	...	1
—Metropolitan Park Commissioners.....	1	...
—Museum of Fine Arts.....	...	1
—Provident Assoc.....	...	1
—Public Library	1	10
—School Committee.....	2	24
—Young Men's Christian Union.....	1	...
Boston Book Co.....	...	4
Boston Transit Commission.....	1	...
Bowdoin College. <i>Brunswick, Me.</i>.....	...	1
Bower, W. <i>Ava, Ill.</i>	1	...
Bradford, C. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	...
Breeze Pub. Co.....	1	...
Breslau. Handelskammer.....	...	1
Bridgeport, <i>Conn.</i> Public Library.....	...	1
British Columbia. Bd. of Trade.....	...	1
—Minister of Mines.....	...	1
Brockton, <i>Mass.</i> Public Library.....	...	4
Bronson Library. <i>Waterbury, Conn.</i>.....	...	1
Brookline. Public Library.....	...	6
Brooklyn. Public Library.....	...	8
Brooklyn Library.....	...	1
Brown, J. P. <i>Boston</i>	1	...
Brown and Sharpe Mfg. Co. <i>Providence</i>	2	...
Brown University. <i>Providence</i>.....	...	1
Bryn Mawr College. <i>Bryn Mawr, Penn.</i>.....	...	1
Buffalo. Common Council.....	1	...
—Merchants Exchange .....	...	2
—Public Library .....	...	1

Buffalo Charity Organization Soc.....	...	1
Bullard Machine Tool Co. Bridgeport, Conn.....	...	1
Bunker Hill Monument Assoc.....	1	...
Burlington, Io. Free Public Library.....	...	1
Bussey Institution. Jamaica Plains, Mass.....	...	1
Byars, W. V. St. Louis.....	...	1
Cahn, Wampold and Co. Chicago.....	5	3
Caldwell, J. W. St. Louis.....	3	...
California. Railroad Commrs.....	...	1
— State Library .....	...	12
Cambridge, Mass. City Clerk.....	2	...
— Public Library.....	...	1
Campbell, Rev. T. J.....	...	1
Canada. Auditor General.....	2	...
— Dept. of Agric.....	...	6
— Dept. of Militia and Defense.....	...	3
— Dept. of Railways and Canals.....	1	...
— Dept. of Trade and Commerce.....	2	10
— Geological Survey	2	2
— Minister of Education.....	...	1
— Minister of Finance.....	...	16
— Geographic Bd.....	...	1
— Inland Revenue Dept.....	...	2
— Minister of Justice.....	...	1
— Minister of Public Works.....	...	2
— Post Office Dept.....	1	2
Canada stamp sheet and energy. Quebec.....	...	1
Cantwell, H. J. St. Louis.....	...	6
Carlisle, C. Washington.....	2	...
Carnegie Institute. Pittsburgh.....	1	...
Carpenter, Mrs. G. O. St. Louis.....	48	196
Casco Bay breeze.....	1	...
Catholic school journal.....	...	1
Central Conference of Amer. Rabbis.....	;	9
Century Theatre. St. Louis.....	...	64
Chadwick, Capt. F. E. Newport, R. I.....	...	1
Challenge. Los Angeles, Cal.....	...	1
Charaka-samhita .....	...	2
Chicago. Bur. of Justice.....	...	4
— City Homes Assoc.....	...	2
— Fire Dept.....	...	2
— Health Dept.....	...	5
— Municipal Library and Bur. of Statistics.....	...	5
— Public Library.....	...	10
— South Park Commrs.....	...	1
Chicago and Alton R. R.....	...	1
Chicago and Northwestern R. R.....	...	1
Chicago Historical Society.....	...	4
Chicago Library Club.....	...	1
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. P. R. R.....	...	1
Christian Social Union.....	...	1
Christian Socialist League.....	...	3
Cincinnati. Associated Charities.....	...	1
— Commrs. of Waterworks.....	...	1
— Public Library.....	...	14
Civic improvement bulletin...St. Louis.....	...	1
Clark, G. M. Higganum, Conn.....	...	2
Clark (C. M.) Pub. Co. Boston.....	1	...
Clendennin, Mrs. I. R. St. Louis.....	4	...
Cleveland. Bd. of Education.....	...	1
— Chamber of Commerce.....	1	...
— Public Library.....	...	2
Clothed with the sun. Washington.....	...	1

Coates and Co. (Henry T.) <i>Phil.</i>	1	...
Cockrell, F. M. <i>Washington</i>	22	32
Collector, N. Y.....	...	1
Colles, G. W.....	...	1
Colorado. Agric. Exp. Sta.....	...	6
— Bur. of Mines.....	...	2
— Revenue Commission .....	...	1
— State Ins. Dept.....	1	...
Colorado Bar Assoc.....	...	1
Columbia Theatre. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	72
Columbia Univ. N. Y.....	2	4
Columbus, O. Public School Library.....	...	1
Concord, N. H. Public Library.....	...	1
Congregational Education Society.....	...	1
Congregational Homes Missionary Soc.....	...	2
Congregational Missionary Library.....	75	...
Connecticut Agric. Exp. Station.....	1	2
— Bank Commissioners	1	...
— Bd. of Educ.....	1	...
— Bur. of Labor Statistics.....	1	...
— Public Library Committee.....	1	3
— Sec. of State.....	5	...
— State Bd. of Charities.....	1	...
— State Bd. of Health.....	1	...
— State Library	2	9
Cornell University.....	...	2
— Agric. Exp. Sta.....	...	22
Correct English.....	...	1
Council Bluffs. Free Public Library.....	...	1
Creelman, J.....	1	...
Crunden, F. M. <i>St. Louis</i>	2	73
Cust, R. N. <i>London</i>	1	...
Dandeno, J. B. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	1
Dartmouth College.....	1	3
Day, Rev. J. W. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	1
Dayton, O. Public Library and Museum.....	...	4
Deering Harvester Co., <i>Chicago, Ill.</i>	1	...
Delaware. Adjutant Gen.....	1	...
Denver. Bureau of Health.....	...	15
Denver Medical Pub. Co.....	...	1
Detroit. Public Library.....	...	2
Dieckman, E. C. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	10
Discontent .....	...	1
District of Columbia Electrical Dept.....	...	1
Public Library .....	...	1
Drainage Journal.....	...	1
Dresser, H. W. <i>Boston</i>	1	...
Drexel Institute. <i>Phil.</i>.....	...	1
Dundee. Free Libraries.....	...	3
East St. Louis Public Library.....	...	1
Eau Claire Public Library.....	...	1
Edgar, T. B. <i>St. Louis, Mo.</i>	1	...
Editor and publisher. N. Y.....	...	1
Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society.....	...	1
Empire review.....	...	1
English Land Restoration League.....	...	5
Erie, Pa. Public Library.....	...	1
Evanston, Ill. Free Public Library.....	...	1
Evens and Howard, <i>St. Louis</i>	1	...
Falbisauer, A.....	...	1
Fanning, Mrs. R. E. <i>St. Louis</i>	2	...
Field, M. <i>Chicago</i>	2	...
Field Columbian Museum. <i>Chicago</i>.....	...	8

Finsbury, Metropolitan Borough of. Public Libraries Com..	...	1
Fitz Public Library. <i>Chelsea, Mass.</i>.....	...	1
Fletcher Free Library.....	...	1
Florida. Agric. Exp. Station.....	...	6
Forbes Library. <i>Northampton, Mass.</i>.....	...	2
France. Ministère du Commerce.....	...	1
Friends' Free Library and Reading Room. <i>Germantown, Pa.</i>		
Gage, M. J. <i>Chicago</i>	2	...
Garcia, G. <i>Mexico</i>	1	1
Garrison, Rev. J. H. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	...
Gay, G. W. <i>Boston</i>.....	...	4
General Theological Library. <i>Boston</i>.....	...	1
George, J. W. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	8
Georgetown Preparatory School. <i>Washington</i>.....	...	1
Georgetown University. <i>Washington</i>.....	...	1
Georgia Experiment Station.....	...	1
Glatfelter, N. M. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	...
Globe School Book Co. <i>Chicago</i>	7	...
Gloversville, N. Y. Free Library.....	...	2
Goldberg, H. <i>Boston</i>	1	...
Gould Directory Co. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	...
Grand Opera House. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	62
Grand Rapids, Mich. Public Library.....	...	1
Great Northern Railway.....	...	3
Green, B. E. <i>Dalton, Ga.</i>.....	...	1
Green, S. S. <i>Worcester, Mass.</i>.....	...	3
Greenword, J. M. <i>Kansas City, Mo.</i>.....	...	1
Gregg, W. H. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	.....
Gregory, C. R. <i>Paris</i>	250	20
Gregory, L. M. <i>Los Angeles, Cal.</i>.....	...	1
Gregory, W. A. <i>Paris</i>	4	...
Grosvenor Public Library. <i>Buffalo</i>.....	...	1
Gwynne Temporary Home for Children.....	...	1
Hambleton, Mrs. M. H. <i>Shelbyville, Ill.</i>	2	...
Harmon, H. <i>Chicago</i>.....	...	1
Hartford Theological Seminary.....	...	2
Hartley House. N. Y.....	...	2
Hartwig-Kalley national missionary. <i>Indianapolis</i>.....	...	1
Harvard Lampoon.....	...	2
Harvard University. <i>Cambridge, Mass.</i>	1	3
Haverford College... <i>Haverford, Pa.</i>.....	...	2
Haverhill. Public Library.....	...	2
Havlins Theatre. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	70
Health Culture Co.....	...	1
Heath & Co. (D. C.) <i>Boston</i>	14	...
Heginbottom Free Library. <i>Ashton-Under-Lyne</i>.....	...	1
Helena. Public Library.....	...	4
Heller, O. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	1
Henneberry Co.....	1	...
Herthel, Mrs. <i>St. Louis</i>	22	114
Highland Park College, <i>Des Moines</i>.....	...	1
Hills, W. G... <i>St. Louis</i>	1	...
Histed, Miss J. <i>St. Louis</i>	5	...
Hitchcock, G. C. <i>St. Louis</i>	29	528
Homan, Dr. G. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	4
Hospital of Prot. Epis. Church in Diocese So. Ohio.....	...	1
Huguenot Society of South Carolina.....	...	1
Humane Literature Committee. <i>Providence, R. I.</i>	1	7
Idaho. Agric. Exp. Station.....	...	2
— Free Library Commission.....	...	1
Illinois. Bur. of Labor Statistics.....	2	...
— Factory Inspectors	1	...
— Insurance Supt.....	2	...

Illinois. Secretary of State.....	1	...
— State Board of Agric.....	...	1
— State Board of Pharmacy.....	2	...
— State Fish Commission.....	1	...
— State Historical Library.....	2	...
— State Library	1	...
— State Reformatory	1	...
Illinois Firemen's association.....)	...	2
Illinois State Bar association.....	1	...
Imperial Theatre. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	64
Independent Labor Party... <i>London</i>.....	...	5
Indian Rights Assoc. <i>Phil</i>.....	...	6
Indiana. Board of State Charities.....	...	2
— Horticultural Soc.....	1	...
— State Board of Health.....	...	2
— State Library.....	...	1
International Assoc. for the Advancement of Science, Arts and Education, N. Y.....	...	10
International Museum. <i>St. Louis</i>.....	...	1
International Otological Congress.....	...	1
Iowa. Agricultural College.....	...	2
— Bd. of Health.....	...	12
— Dept. of Agriculture.....	1	...
— Geol. Survey.....	1	...
— Grand Lodge	1	3
— Historical Dept.....	...	4
— Labor Statistics Bureau.....	1	...
— Masonic Library .....	...	1
— Railroad Commissioner	1	...
— State Normal School.....	...	1
Iowa State Fair.....	...	1
Italy. Dept. of Agric.....	...	13
— Ministero di Agricoltura, Industria e Commercio.....	...	6
— Treas. Dept.....	...	1
Jackson, E. T. <i>St. Louis</i>	8	...
James, E. J. <i>Chicago</i>.....	...	1
Japan. Imperial Library.....	...	1
Jersey City. Free Public Library.....	...	2
John Crerar Library... <i>Chicago</i>.....	...	1
John F. Slater Fund.....	...	1
Johns Hopkins Medical School. <i>Balt</i>.....	...	1
Johns Hopkins University. <i>Balt</i>.....	...	2
Jones, S. M. <i>Toledo, O</i>	1	...
Journal of mental pathology.....	...	1
Journal of surgical technology.....	...	1
Joy, Hon. C. F. <i>Washington</i>	22	1
K. C. S. Current Events.....	...	1
Kansas. State Agric. College.....	...	10
— State Bd. of Agric.....	...	2
— State Library	1	8
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— State Bd. of Charities.....	1	3
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GEORGE O. CARPENTER.....	1905
DWIGHT F. DAVIS.....	1906
MORRIS GLASER	1906
JOHN F. LEE	1904
F. W. LEHMANN.....	1904
WILLIAM MAFFITT	1904
EDWARD L. PREETORIUS.....	1905
O'NEILL RYAN	1905

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RICHARD ULRICH.....	Junior Clerk, Delivery Stations.
GEORGE LORENZ.....	Junior Clerk, Delivery Stations.
FRED KROENUNG.....	Junior Clerk, Circulation Department.

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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

ST. LOUIS, MO., February 10, 1904.

*Hon. Rolla Wells,
Mayor of the City of St. Louis, Mo.*

SIR:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the report of the Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, showing the operations and finances of the Library for the year ending April 30th, 1903.

Respectfully yours,

F. W. LEHMANN,
President of the Board of Directors.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:—

I beg leave to present herewith my tenth annual report as Librarian of the Free Public Library, for the year ending April 30, 1903.

The most notable event of the year was the fulfilment of the second condition of Mr. Carnegie's gift, the securing of a site for the central Carnegie building. It was on May 7, 1902, at the very outset of the year, that the property of the old Exposition was sold under a bondholders' deed of trust and purchased by the Board of Directors for \$280,000. This sum was the total amount of the bonds and accrued interest and the floating debt of the Exposition Company. The bulk of this money was subscribed individually by the Directors of the St. Louis Union Trust Company. As, under the ordinance, the site could not be used till after the close of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, it was arranged that the subscriptions should be paid in installments covering two years. The St. Louis Union Trust Company, however, advanced the whole purchase price in cash, taking the notes of the Library, with the individual subscriptions of the Company's own Directors as additional se-

curity. By the terms of the agreement with the Trust Company, any income to be obtained from the Exposition property was to belong to the Library. The property was leased to the Coliseum Amusement Company on satisfactory terms, for two years, from December 1, 1902 to December 1, 1904, when the ordinance allows the demolition of the buildings in preparation for the new library structure.

By anticipating, out of its revenue, payments on this loan the Board cleared off the debt on April 1, 1903, and obtained a release of the deed of trust. As soon as this was accomplished, a copy of the deed of release and other proofs of the Library's title to the Exposition property were sent to Mr. Carnegie in Scotland. This was on May 14th. In reply Mr. Carnegie sent the following:—

SKIBO CASTLE, ARDGAY, N. B.
8th June, 1903.

F. M. Crunden, Esq.,
Librarian, Public Library,
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Sir:—

I am delighted to receive yours of the 14th, showing that St. Louis has done her part, also that my dear friend, Mr. Barr, has been good enough to present a lot for one of the Branch Libraries. He is a fellow Scot, and a "wee drap bluid atween us" goes far, as you know, among Scotchmen.

Permit me to express my approval of all that you have done, including the purchase of the Old Exposition Assets. All is well and highly approved.

My Cashier, Mr. R. A. Franks, Home Trust Co., Hoboken, N. J., has been instructed to honor calls made by the proper authorities from time to time to meet expenditures upon the buildings.

Very truly yours,
(signed) ANDREW CARNEGIE.

Previously, on receipt of information that the Exposition property had been secured as a site for the Central Library, Mr. Carnegie had written as follows:—

SKIBO CASTLE, ARDGAY, N. B.

F. M. Crunden, Esq.,
Librarian, St. Louis.

Dear Sir:—

Yours of 22 May received. Mr. Carnegie sends his hearty congratulations and says he has great satisfaction in thinking of St. Louis and his gift to it.

Very respectfully yours,
JAMES BERTRAM,
Private Sec'y.

On April 14, 1903, Mr. Wm. Barr, the first of our citizens to offer a site for a branch library, gave the Board a deed to a most eligible lot situated on the southwest corner of Lafayette and Jefferson Avenues. Several other pieces of ground have been offered in other parts of the city; but, thus far, this is the only site formally accepted. Though their practical significance is for the future, these are the most important events of the year. By way of completing this brief review of the larger financial affairs of the Board, I may add that this fall, some months after the close of the fiscal year reported on, the Board was able to pay \$100,000 on the debt due on Block 510, (Olive and Locust, 17th and 18th Streets), thereby reducing the interest to a sum which is more than covered by the rental of the property.

A full statement of the financial transactions of the year is given in the following table:—

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 13, 1903.

DR.		
To balance in City Treasury, April 7, 1902.....	\$ 66,221 01	
Collections, April 9, 1902—April 13, 1903.....	166,554 50	
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		\$232,775 51
Balance in Bank Fund, April, 1902.....		14,441 90
Balance in Contingent Fund.....		137 46
Collection of Duplicates,		
Books issued.....	\$2,196 60	
Magazines sold	51 10	
	<hr/>	2,247 70
Fines	3,444 59	
Books lost and paid for.....	319 17	
Catalogues	13 90	
Lost cards.....	223 50	
Postals.....	35 06	
Miscellaneous	18 95	
	<hr/>	6,302 87
Rent Collections		12,286 71
Interest		400 48
Exposition Site, Rent, Subscriptions, etc.....		76,443 69
Refund, William Baggot		226 31
		<hr/>
		\$343,014 93

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By Salaries.....		29,306 46
Books, Main collection	15,200 41	
Coll. of Duplicates	986 87	
Binding	5,828 64	
Periodicals.....	894 23	
Periodicals, Coll. of Duplicates	276 81	
		23,186 96
Real Estate, City Block 510, interest and principal notes, etc.....	28,795 91	
Rent	7,500 00	
Insurance	510 75	
Furniture and repairs.....	2,236 93	
		39,043 59
Expense.		
Printing and Stationery.....	2,407 02	
Delivery Stations	3,061 94	
Postage	323 93	
Sundries.....	474 59	
Supplies.....	251 29	
Advertising.....	2 05	
		6,520 82
Exposition Site.....		217,405 33
Total Expenditures.....		315,463 16
Balance in City Treasury, April 13, 1903.....		18,909 09
Balance in Bank Fund.....		8,549 66
Balance in Contingent Fund.....		93 02
		\$343,014 93

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894 to APRIL, 1903.

RECEIPTS.						
	Exposi- tion Site	City Col- lections	Desk Re- ceipts	Rent	Insur- ance	Misc. Total
1894		\$ 49,773 52	113 66			49,887 18
1895		59,035 80	2,593 26			61,632 47
1896		61,929 51	3,649 98	482 79		66,150 24
1897		64,663 32	3,741 31	1,879 56		70,471 91
1898		67,638 45	3,839 86	1,480 00		73,383 12
1899		71,340 13	3,901 72	12,328 55	39,742 72	127,789 36
1900		73,781 47	4,392 48	12,945 50		91,171 43
1901		75 727 18	5,095 81	13 501 46		94,722 68
1902		149,321 24	5,852 79	11 649 13		167,027 91
1903	\$76,443 69	166,554 50	6,302 87	12,286 71		262,214 56
Total	\$76,443 69	839,765 12	39,483 74	66,553 70	39,742 72	2,461 89 1,064,450 86

EXPENDITURES.

	Exposition Site	Maintenance	Real Estate		Total
1894		\$ 2,876 19			\$ 2,876 19
1895		43,305 69			43,305 69
1896		52,318 45	40,900 00		93,218 45
1897		48,738 69	24,872 58		73,611 27
1898		58,051 90	29,972 00		88,023 90
1899		55,811 21	88,347 95		144,159 16
1900		45,789 48	36,973 36		82,762 84
1901		53,687 33	35,366 34		89,053 67
1902		67,623 32	36,801 44		104,424 76
1903	\$217,405 33	69,261 92	28,795 91		315,463 16
Total	\$ 217,405 33	497,464 18	322,029 58		1,036,899 09

Balance in City Treasury April 13, 1903..... \$ 18,909 09

Balance in Bank Fund..... 8,549 66

Balance in Contingent Fund, April, 1903 93 02

\$1,064,450 86

The desk receipts show a gradual increase from year to year, keeping about equal pace with the growth of the circulation. The total of this year exceeds that of the previous year by \$450.08. The increase comes from the two chief sources of desk revenue, fines and the issue of extra volumes from the Collection of Duplicates,—\$426.47 from the former and \$132.15 from the latter. There was a desirable, though slight, decrease in the sums received for lost books and lost cards. The principal items under Printing and Stationery are the printing of the annual report for the last year and three previous reports, which the former city administration failed to publish.

Rent from the Exposition property amounted to \$16,023.47, to which was added an insurance rebate of \$135.64 and a refund of \$16.94, the balance of a deposit in the water-meter department of the city. Against these receipts stand the following expenditures: salaries, \$2,921.08; insurance, \$4,354.00; repairs, (roof) \$3,420.65; special taxes, \$96.79; miscellaneous, \$164.04. On the loan for the purchase of the Exposition property \$206,448.77 was paid, of which \$76,443.69 came from subscriptions and the rent of the property, together with some small incidental items.

Grouping together all items coming under that head, it appears that the total expenditure for the maintenance and growth of the Library, was \$69,261.92. The rest of the total expendi-

ture of \$315,463.16 consisted of payments (principal and interest) on real estate investments, the Exposition property and city block 510 (17th and 18th, Olive and Locust Streets.) Of the maintenance fund more than a third, \$23,186.96, was devoted to keeping up the supply of reading matter; \$16,187.28 for books, \$1,171.04 for periodicals, and \$5,828.64 for binding. The principal items under the furniture and repair account were the painting of the rooms and the purchase of card cabinets.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

The further statistics that constitute the body of the report and show the operations of the year may thus be briefly summarized:—

The collection was increased by the addition of 16,320 volumes catalogued and placed on the shelves ready for use. Of these, 1,183* were gifts. The total included 1,499 German books, 90 French and 130 in other foreign languages.

The total list of donations and exchanges for the year numbered 1,325* volumes and 6,059 pamphlets. The collection, at the close of the year covered by this report, had about 165,000 volumes and about 30,000 pamphlets.

The registered card-holders numbered 58,961 persons, of whom 26,702 were under seventeen years of age. The record of the registration by wards is given later in the report.

The issue of books for home reading was 902,768: that for the previous year was 778,507. The total issue of books and periodicals was 1,237,892, a gain of 155,261 over the previous year.

REGISTRATION.

During the year 14,618 names were registered and 4,710 re-registered. The total number of card-holders on April 30, 1903, was 58,961. There were also 1,249 "extra" (non-fiction) cards and 157 "teachers'" cards issued: 18,245 cards that had been filled were replaced by new ones, and 1,491 were lost and paid for. The fee of ten cents collected in these latter cases pays for the stationery and clerical service. Guarantors to the number of 112 withdrew, or their guaranties were cancelled for various reasons. Incidental to keeping the registration correct and up-to-date was the changing of 4,063 addresses. The work of the department occupied the time of two assistants all the year round and half the time of a third during the busier months.

*The discrepancy between these two numbers is explained by the fact that some of the books given towards the last of one year are not catalogued till the next year, and by the additional fact that many gifts prove to be duplicates and may not be catalogued at all.

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Total cards in force, April 30, 1902.....	54,701	
Registered May 1, 1902—April 30, 1903.....	14,618	
		69,319
Cards expiring to April 30, 1903.....	15,068	
Less re-registered	4,710	10,358
		58,961
Total cards in force April 30, 1903		
Men.....	15,107	
Women	17,090	
Children	26,702	
Institutions.....	62	
		58,961

REGISTRATION BY WARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1903.

WARD.		WARD.		WARD.	
1.....	530	11.....	411	21.....	638
2.....	762	12.....	303	22.....	1091
3.....	711	13.....	879	23.....	237
4.....	376	14.....	327	24.....	985
5.....	206	15.....	448	25.....	1176
6.....	606	16.....	765	26.....	1068
7.....	414	17.....	1144	27.....	724
8.....	635	18.....	491	28.....	1321
9.....	992	19.....	488	Suburban.....	267
10.....	1117	20.....	216	Total,	19,328

TOTAL REGISTRATION BY WARDS.

WARD.		WARD.		WARD.	
1.....	1382	11.....	1526	21.....	1880
2.....	2029	12.....	1023	22.....	2910
3.....	2578	13.....	2413	23.....	1059
4.....	1074	14.....	1047	24.....	3202
5.....	895	15.....	1342	25.....	3856
6.....	1901	16.....	2127	26.....	3663
7.....	1310	17.....	2508	27.....	2218
8.....	1788	18.....	1316	28.....	4020
9.....	2558	19.....	1853	Suburban.....	574
10.....	3255	20.....	1654	Total,	58,961

CATALOGUE AND ORDER DEPARTMENT.

The year just prior to this was distinguished by the purchase and the cataloguing of the greatest number of volumes ever added to the collection in any one year. The additions for that year numbered 23,855 volumes. This year they amounted to 16,320 volumes catalogued and made ready for use. But the lessened number of books bought and catalogued gave opportunity for the accomplishment of other work equally important. The English Fiction Catalogue was published and copy prepared for the German Fiction Catalogue, which appeared soon after the close of the year. It may be

worth while to mention that the English catalogue, an octavo volume of 280 pages, of fair make-up, cost the Library nothing for the printing, that being done for the advertising privilege.

Typewritten, annotated lists of additions were prepared monthly and hung on the bulletin boards in the circulation and reference departments until the close of the year 1902, when the written lists were discontinued and the matter saved for the contemplated monthly Bulletin, two numbers of which (April and May) appeared before the close of the library year. The Bulletin is to be included among the credits of the year. The measure of its usefulness still remains to be ascertained. There has always been (and I presume it is the same in other libraries) an urgent, seemingly extensive, demand for printed catalogues and lists of new books; but when they are supplied, their existence seems to destroy, or at least greatly diminish, the desire for them. The explanation is, I suppose, that the demand is not so general as it seems. At any rate, when monthly lists of new books, with topical reading lists added, are furnished free, those who care for them are few compared with the total of 60,000 card holders. But to supply the wants of a few thousand of the more judicious readers is doubtless worth the cost of the Bulletin.

28,400 cards were added to the various catalogues. Of this number 1,393 were printed cards obtained from the Library of Congress, the Library Bureau, and from the Publishers' Weekly entries. The majority of these printed cards were inserted in the official catalogue. In future they will probably be more evenly divided among the various catalogues, as the Library now subscribes for three copies of each card of a selected list of Library of Congress cards, instead of one copy for each new copyrighted book as formerly.

A few cards were written for the subject-index, but up to the close of the year none had been put into the catalogues. It is hoped to insert these during the current year and to push this work more vigorously.

The copying of the shelf-list of fiction from sheets to standard size cards, was begun five years ago and completed last year. This work occupied the time of one assistant when she could be spared from more pressing demands. During the past year the new shelf-list of juveniles was completed, and also the circulating books in classes 1—29m inclusive. For the latter the small standard card is used, as it effects a saving in space.

During stock-taking very little cataloguing could be done, as most of the cataloguing staff, with a smaller number from the circulation department, were engaged in that work. Advantage was taken of this opportunity to print class numbers back of title-pages in books which were added in the early days of the Library, and which had these numbers on the book pockets only. This will prove a great convenience when the cover or pocket happens to be lost; and at all times it will serve as a means of checking mistakes made in rewriting pockets. 12,239 numbers were so added.

Some measure of relief from the crowded condition of the cataloguing room was secured by taking down several sections of the stack in the public document room, in this way making space enough to place four desks and two card cabinets. This division of the cataloguing force is, of course, disadvantageous; but there was no way to avoid it. The growth of our own catalogue, with nearly 30,000 cards added this year, makes a considerable demand for space; but in addition to this, we shall receive from forty to fifty thousand cards yearly for our copy of the catalogue of the Library of Congress. Thus far we have had to find space for two double tray cabinets, of 24 drawers each, for the filing of these cards. The present inconvenience caused by lack of space is not, however, to be considered in comparison with the great value of the catalogue. When complete, it will enable a resident of St. Louis to ascertain readily whether a given book is contained in the National Library.

The additions for the year, divided by classes, language and source, are given in the following table:

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1903.

Classes.	Reg. Library	Coll. of Duplicates	Totals
Philosophy	62		62
Theology	370		370
Social science	970	1	971
Natural science	1,015		1,015
Art and poetry	597	3	600
Fiction	4,275	1,066	5,341
Juvenile literature	6,161		6,161
Literary miscellany.....	458	4	462
Travels and history	960		960
Cyclopaedias and periodicals	378		378
	<hr/> 15,246	<hr/> 1,074	<hr/> 16,320

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Source.			
Purchase.....	13,540	1,074	14,614
Gift.....	1,183		1,183
Pamphlets, bound.....	67		67
Periodicals, bound.....	456		456
	<u>15,246</u>	<u>1,074</u>	<u>16,320</u>
Language.			
English ..	13,527	1,074	14,601
French.....	90		90
German ..	1,499		1,499
Other	130		130
	<u>15,246</u>	<u>1,074</u>	<u>16,320</u>

Periodicals to complete sets, 519.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Withdrawn	5,840
Lost and paid for.....	215
Lost at schools.....	68
Lost at Watts Chapel	8
Lost at Social Settlement.....	240
Lost at High School.....	5
Sold, burned (on account of contagious diseases), stolen and found in sewer, etc.	32
Charged to borrowers and not returned.....	32
Total.....	<u>6,440</u>
Total additions	16,320
Less above	<u>6,440</u>
Net increase	9,880

Of the 5,840 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 3,096 were replaced by new copies, as were also 26 volumes out of 215 lost and paid for, and 2 volumes out of the 32 burned and otherwise destroyed.

The 1,074 volumes added to the Collection of Duplicates cost the Library nothing, but were a source of net revenue, besides preventing much friction and dissatisfaction among numerous card-holders, who without this collection, could not have been supplied with the new books they wanted. This collection, as more fully explained in previous reports, is made up of duplicate copies of popular new books, which are issued on payment of 5 cents per week. Of late years the plan has been adopted by many other libraries in the country.

The addition of nearly 1,500 volumes of German books is worthy of special comment. The year's increment is quite a little library in itself; and it is a very substantial addition to a collection which already contained some 10,000 volumes. This department has been examined from time to time and approved by a number of our cultivated German citizens, among whom I may specially mention the late Isidor Bush and George Rothamel. Each examination led to the recommendation and purchase of desirable books. The collection was therefore already well-stocked with the standards of German literature and contained also a fair representation of more modern authors; when Professor Otto Heller, of Washington University, kindly undertook to bring it up to date by recommending many hundreds of titles of the best books published during the last 25 years. This involved considerable work on his part; and I gladly seize this opportunity to make public acknowledgment of his valuable service, and to bespeak from our German readers thanks for his labor in their behalf. The printing of the German Fiction Catalogue was delayed till these new books could be included.

The first lot of Russian books was ordered this year in response to requests from Russian residents. The list for purchase was prepared by Prof. Alexander Chessin, of Washington University, and Dr. E. C. Runge, Superintendent of the Insane Asylum. The books were chiefly Russian classics and the best recent books.

Among the additions of the year were many works of more or less costliness and importance and lasting value. The following titles are given as examples. In the list will be found a number of volumes on applied science and the arts, useful and fine. These are only the larger and more expensive works, nearly all for the Reference Department. The greater number of volumes in these classes were purchased for the Circulation Department; and it is a noteworthy fact that few books on applied science and the useful arts and trades remain long idle on the display shelves. Books in these lines, from the most elementary trade manual to the most scientific treatise on engineering or applied chemistry, are quickly taken from the open shelves. It is a gratifying assurance of the care taken in the selection of books for purchase that scarcely a volume is bought that does not speedily find readers. When we have more space and can thus keep a larger number of books on the open shelves, there will undoubtedly be an increased ratio of books of instruction read.

SOME NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONS: ARRANGED IN ORDER OF CLASS.

HOEFFDING, H. History of modern philosophy. 1900. 2 v. O.	3
BRAID, J. Braid on hypnotism; neurypnology. 1899. O.	4a
WEISS, B. Biblical theology of the New Testament. 1893. 2 v. O.	11
BEYSCHLAG, W. New Testament Theology. 1899. O.	11a
DORNER, I. A. System of Christian doctrine. 1897. 4 v. O.	11a
MUELLER, J. Christian doctrine of sin. 1885. 2 v. O.	11a
TISSOT, J. J. Life of our Saviour. 1899. 4 v. F.	12d
PODMORE, F. Modern spiritualism. 1902. 2 v. O.	13b
THAYER, J. B. Cases on constitutional law. 1895. 2 v. Q.	24a
BRANNON, H. Treatise on the rights guaranteed by the 14th amendment. 1901. O.	25
DONAHUE, D. D. Treatise on petroleum. 1902. O.	25
JUDSON, F. N. Treatise on the power of taxation in U. S. 1903. O.	25
GEORGIA convention of the people. Journal. 1861. O.	26a
OLIVER, T. Dangerous trades. 1902. O.	29g
PROUDHON, P. J. Traités. 1833-48. 18 v. O.	36
ALEXANDROV, A. Complete English-Russian dictionary. 1899. Q.	34
WENSTROEM, E., <i>and</i> Lindgren, E. Engelsk-svensk ordbok. [1895.] O.	34
MARCH, F. A. Thesaurus dictionary of the English language. [c1902.] Q.	34a
CARPENTER, R. C. Experimental engineering. 1901. O.	40
COOPER, E. T. Linear perspective. c1900. F.	40
INTERNATIONAL Correspondence School. Textbooks.	
NAYLOR, W. Trades waste. 1902. O.	40
ELECTRICAL world. Index. 1883-96. Q.	43
RAWSON, C., <i>and others</i> . Dictionary of dyes used in calico printing. 1901. O.	44c
TYLOR, E. B. Primitive culture. 1891. 2 v. O.	51
POWELL, W. H. List of officers of the U. S. 1900. O.	60
FREEMANTLE, F. F. Book of the rifle. 1901. O.	60a
BRANNT, W. T. Petroleum. 1895. O.	61c
SEGER, H. A. Collected writings. v. 1. 1902. Q.	61c
GOTTSBERGER, F. Accountant's guide. [c1902.] Q.	62a
SHELDON, F. M. Practical colorist. 1900. Q.	62b
HOMANS, J. E. Self-propelled vehicles. 1902. O.	62c
DENNY, G. A. Diamond drilling. 1900. O.	63a
NEUBERGER, H., <i>and</i> Noalhat, H. Technology of petroleum. 1901. Q.	63a
LOWELL, G., <i>ed.</i> American gardens. 1902. F.	63b
MAGNER standard horse and stock book. 1898. Q.	63b

- SCOTT, W. Florists' manual. 1899. Q. 63b
- WILEY, H. W. Principles and practice of agricultural analysis. 1894-1897. 3 v. O. 63b
- BALDRY, A. L. Modern mural decoration. 1902. O. 65
- ENGLISH country homes. 1901. F. 65a
- VIGNOLA, G. B. da. Five orders of architecture; plates by Esquié. n. d. Q. 65a
- CORNER, J. M., *and* Soderholtz, E. E. Examples of domestic colonial architecture in New England. 1901. F. 65a
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- LYNCH, H. F. B. Armenia. 1901. 2 v. O. 85a
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FRENCH, B. F. Historical memoirs of Louisiana. 1846-50. 1853. 3 v. O.	91
HANNA, C. A. Scotch-Irish. 1902. 2 v. O.	91
WILSON, W. History of the American people. 1902. 5 v. O.	91
STODDARD, A. Sketches of Louisiana. 1812. O.	91
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McKINNON, J. Union of England and Scotland. 1896. O.	93
McGEOGHEGAN, J. History of Ireland. 1903. O.	93b
VILLARI, P. Barbarian invasions of Italy. 1902. O.	94a
LONERGAN, W. F. Historic churches of Paris. 1896. O.	94c
FORBES, A. My experiences of the war between France and Germany. 1871. 2 v. O.	96b
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Donations and Exchanges.

The gifts and exchanges of the year comprise 1,325 volumes, 6,059 pamphlets, 125 maps and 1,496 mounted pictures. The last named were received from the Art League of St. Louis; while the rest came from 991 different sources. A list of individual donors is given in an appendix. Among the more noteworthy gifts, besides the pictures referred to above, were 21 volumes from Dr. D. R. McAnally, his annual contribution to the collection given by his father; 67 volumes from the Gould Directory Company, comprising the directories of the principal cities of the United States; 66 volumes from Broadhead & Haeussler; 58 volumes and 19 pamphlets from Charles Pettus; 56 volumes and 39 pamphlets from Dr. L. H. Reuter; 29 volumes from Miss Helen Tutt; 25 volumes from Major J. B. Merwin; 23 volumes from D. C. Heath & Co.; 10 volumes from the St. Louis News Company; 8 volumes from the Frœbel Library Association, its annual contribution to the collection established by it some years ago. Dr. Sam'l. A. Green, Li-

brarian of the Massachusetts Historical Society, a constant donor for many years, sent us this year a package containing 4 volumes and 53 pamphlets; Mr. Thomas W. Lawson, the well-known yachtsman, favored us with a copy of his handsome volume printed for private distribution, "The Lawson History of the America's Cup."

Our Bulletin and our Annual Report were mailed to 250 libraries; and we returned to the Superintendent of Public Documents 60 volumes and 8 pamphlets—duplicates of government publications.

Contents of the Library.

The taking of the biennial inventory came in this year. It was begun March 20, and the bulk of the work—the comparison of the books with the shelf list—was finished May 4. Spring is chosen as the most convenient season for this item of extra work, because there is always a decline in the circulation after the month of March; and the work can be practically completed before the vacations begin. It is no small task. As I have more fully explained in previous reports, it involves the handling of every volume in the collection, the noting of author, title and accession number, and a comparison of the same items on the corresponding card in the shelf-list and the stamping of book and card, and, further, the rectifying of any discrepancy between book and card that may be discovered.

Certain records relating to the biennial stock-taking are made from day to day with monthly footings. For example, as books unfit for further use are condemned, they are listed in a book kept for the purpose, and a note of their withdrawal is also made opposite their several entries in the accession ledger. In the "withdrawn book" the entries receive consecutive numbers, beginning with number 1 at the outset of each year, so that the last number shows how many volumes have been condemned up to date. Books "sold," "lost and paid for," etc., are listed in the same manner. These, together with those charged to readers and not returned, those destroyed for fear of contagion,—in short, all known losses are recorded from day to day, and from month to month; and whenever we desire to estimate the contents of the collection we take the figures shown by the last inventory, add to these the accessions since the date of the inventory, and from the total deduct the volumes condemned,

lost and paid for, etc. But from time to time books disappear without our knowledge. The object of the stock-taking is to ascertain what books are missing in this way.

Briefly, this inventory shows that in the two years 14,571 volumes were worn out and withdrawn from circulation; 398 were lost and paid for; 37 were lost and replaced by the losers with other copies; 17 were burned for fear of contagion; 6 were sold; 7 were stolen and dropped into a sewer; 1 was damaged and paid for and 1 was lost in transmission to the publisher; 240 were lost at a social settlement, 8 at a Sunday School, 5 at the High School, and 127 (32 this year and 95 the year previous) were charged to borrowers and not returned. These are all accounted for; we know, at least, how or through what channel they disappeared. But in addition to these, 1,458 volumes could not be found, nor could the manner of their disappearance be ascertained. It is quite possible that some of these are among the thousands that were boxed and stored in the Exposition building. At any rate, as always happens, some of them will be found later. This inventory brought to light 177 books reported unaccounted for at previous inventories. The loss through the social settlement was extraordinary: no such loss ever occurred before and it is not likely to occur again. It was caused by the extreme negligence of the former superintendent of the settlement. While in number of volumes it is large, in value it is very small, for most of the books would soon have gone to swell the number of books worn out and withdrawn. This last item was exceptionally large the last two years, because it included many volumes that should have been condemned in previous years. It inevitably increases with the growth of the circulation and represents the ordinary wear and tear. A public library that does not have many books worn out each year is not fulfilling its function. In his address at the formal opening of the present library quarters, Dr. Edward Everett Hale said, with repetition and emphasis: "Books are made to read. . . . The greatest credit to a library is its ability to report at the end of the year that a large number of its books have been worn out in clear and honest service." The number of books lost could be very greatly reduced by various precautions, which, however, would cost as much, or more than, the value of the books, and by restrictions which would be irksome to the public and drive away many honest readers and seekers for information. It is noteworthy that of the books reg-

ularly drawn by card-holders, the percentage of loss is absolutely insignificant. The first year of the free library the loss was three volumes out of 331,000 volumes issued; this year it was 32 out of 902,768 volumes taken by card-holders to their homes.

CLASSIFIED CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY ON APRIL 30, 1903.

CLASSES.	REF.	REG. LIB.	COLL. OF DUP.	TOTALS.
Philosophy	237	1,378	.....	1,615
Religion	2,910	3,533	.....	6,443
Social science.....	16,204	6,080	2	22,286
Natural science.....	11,656	8,908	6	20,570
Art and poetry	1,792	7,363	.....	9,155
Fiction	400	33,909	672	34,981
Juvenile literature.....	453	24,880	.....	25,333
Literary miscellany	2,148	6,047	8	8,203
Travels and history	3,366	15,396	2	18,764
Cyclopædias & periodicals..	10,623	1,685	.....	12,308
Total.....	49,789	109,179	690	159,658
Unentered duplicates and books not yet catalogued (about)				6,000
Total contents April 30, 1903 (about).....				165,658

CONTENTS OF EACH ROOM.

CIRCULATION DEPT.

Main Library.....	108,851	
Coll. of Duplicates	690	
Froebel Collection.....	328	
	109,869	
Ref. Books in Circulation Dept	160	110,029

REFERENCE DEPT.

Public Document Room (other than U. S. docs.)		17,548
U. S. documents		8,672
Reading Room (other than Patent Office reports)		792
Art Room.....		2,149
Catalogue Room.....		455
Office		22
Reference Room	}	16,481
McAnally Collection		3,510
		19,991
		159,658
Unentered duplicates, etc., (about)		6,000
Total contents of collection April 30, 1903 (about)....		165,658

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.**Records and Notices.**

While, as previously stated, all of the 902,768 books regularly drawn by card-holders were returned to the Library with the exception of 32, this satisfactory result was not accomplished without effort. Looking after tardy and delinquent card-holders, rewriting book-cards, and keeping a classified record of the issue through the various channels with daily, weekly, and monthly footings, occupies the whole time of two assistants and part of the time of a third. When a book is 6 days overdue, a postal card notice is mailed to the holder. If the book is not returned in 10 days, a second notice is sent; and 5 days later, in case of continued detention, a third notice is mailed. On the 20th day a messenger is sent, and at the end of 30 days the cases of the few persistent delinquents are turned over to the City Attorney for prosecution under the ordinance. Besides keeping the issue statistics, the work of this sub-department involved the writing of 36,772 book-cards, the filling out and addressing of 12,971 first notices, 3,162 second and 853 third notices for books overdue, and 200 notices to guarantors. In each case, of course, the address had to be looked up in the registration index. A messenger was sent for 331 books not returned after three notices had been mailed. The messenger brought back 118, and 181 were shortly returned by the card-holders, leaving 32 not returned at the close of the year. Most of these were held by persons who had left town or had moved or could not be traced,—the same being the case with their guarantors. Six cases were referred to the City Attorney. Three were successfully prosecuted and made to pay for books and fines and costs of trial, while the other three were withdrawn and settled out of court. There were also mailed 1,676 postal cards, giving notice of books reserved by request and 487 notices requesting card-holders in "posted" houses not to return their books, but turn them over to the health officers. The Health Commissioner sends daily notices to the Library of cases of contagious diseases, and in posting the houses notifies the residents not to return the library books until they have been fumigated. A similar notice is sent from the Library. In cases of the more virulent diseases the books are destroyed.

Binding.

The number of volumes sent to the binder for first binding was 1,419, almost identical with the number sent last year, namely, 1,417. The cost averaged 64 cents per volume. 7,128 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$3,040.05, an average of 40 cents per volume, and 1,442 volumes were repaired at a cost of \$465.60, an average of 32 cents per volume. There were also 10,092 volumes repaired in the Library, the repairs ranging from patching or inserting a few leaves to supplying new covers. These cost on an average 4 cents a volume.

Circulation.

The last annual report noted the crossing of the million line in the total issue of books and periodicals. This report shows an advance to nearly a quarter of the second million, in exact figures, 1,237,631, an increase of 155,261 over the previous year. The books drawn for home reading numbered 902,768. The home issue was divided thus:—drawn on call-slips at the delivery counter, 166,793; from the open shelves, 211,730; through the delivery stations, 285,423; and from the juvenile department a total of 238,822, divided as follows:—drawn at the juvenile desk, 98,522; supplementary reading sent to schools, 93,327; depositories in outlying schools, 46,973.

From the above figures it appears that of the 902,768 books drawn for home reading, 405,723, 4/9 of the whole, reached their readers through our various channels of outside distribution; that of the 378,523 volumes drawn by adults at the Library, 211,730, 56 per cent, were selected by the readers themselves from the open shelves. This ratio has grown greater from year to year and would doubtless increase more rapidly if, instead of a corner of the stack with about 3,000 volumes, we had a regular open-shelf room containing fifteen to twenty-five thousand volumes, including the best in every line. Such a room is one of the great *desiderata* in a public library.

The largest issue for any one day was 6,152, on February 7: the smallest, 1,958, on July 18. The total Sunday issue was 17,016: the total holiday issue for the seven holidays was 11,734. The average week-day issue in all departments was 3,900: the average daily home issue was 2,893. Full particulars regarding the issue will be found in the following tables:

ISSUE BY MONTHS.

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	HOME ISSUE	PER CENT	LIBRARY ISSUE	PER CENT	TOTAL ISSUE OF BOOKS	PER CENT
Philosophy	3,106	.34	1,344	1.32	4,450	.44
Religion	3,940	.44	3,943	3.87	7,883	.78
Soc. science.	7,940	.88	12,571	11.35	20,511	2.04
Natural science	20,128	2.23	13,357	13.10	33,485	3.33
Art	4,704	.52	8,261	8.10	12,965	1.29
Poetry	11,917	1.32	3,147	3.09	15,064	1.50
Fiction	434,027	48.08	6,524	6.40	440,551	43.85
Coll. of Dup.	42,933	4.75			42,933	4.27
Juvenile	322,039	35.67	1,353	1.33	323,392	32.19
Lit. misc	12,671	1.40	7,072	7.01	19,743	1.96
Travels	9,074	1.00	3,322	3.26	12,396	1.24
History	13,208	1.46	7,900	7.73	21,108	2.11
Biographies	9,084	1.01	5,136	5.04	14,220	1.41
Cyclopaedias, and periodicals	7,997	.90	28,041	27.50	36,038	3.59
Total	902,768	100.00	101,971	100.00	1,004,739	100.00

SUMMARIES.

	1901-1902	1902-1903
Home issue, regular library	737,244	859,835
Home issue, coll. of duplicates	41,263	42,933
Library issue	778,507	902,768
	95,106	101,971
Total issue of books	873,613	1,004,739
Reading room issue (periodicals)	208,757	232,892
Total issue in all departments	1,082,370	1,237,631
Gain in 1902-1903 over 1901-1902		155,261

LARGEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1908.

Main desk.....	919
Open shelves	1,199
Juvenile	748
Delivery stations.....	1,732

Total home issue.....	4,598
Library issue	578
Reading room issue.....	976

Total issue in all departments

6,152

LARGEST SUNDAY ISSUE, JANUARY 11, 1908.

Library issue	117
Reading room issue	402

Total.....

519

TOTAL SUNDAY ISSUE.

Library issue	2,746
Reading room issue	14,270

Total

17,016

AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE.

Home issue.....	2,893
Library issue	279
Reading room.....	638

Total

3,810

SMALLEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, JULY 18, 1902.

Main desk.....	196
Open shelves	454
Juvenile	163
Delivery stations	470

Total home issue.....	1,283
Library issue	201
Reading room issue	474

Total issue in all departments

1,958

SMALLEST SUNDAY ISSUE, AUGUST 8, 1902.

Library issue	15
Reading room issue.....	122

Total.....

137

AVERAGE SUNDAY ISSUE.

Library issue	53
Reading room issue.....	274

Total.....

327

AVERAGE WEEK-DAY ISSUE.

Home issue	2,893
Library issue	318
Reading room	701

Total.....

3,912

HOLIDAY ISSUE, 1902-1903.

	HOME.	LIBRARY.	R. R.	TOTAL
Decoration Day	1,805	344	610	2,759
Fourth of July	42	23	120	185
Labor Day	1,442	132	370	1,944
Thanksgiving	499	61	819	1,379
Christmas.....	447	50	400	897
New Year's Day	347	55	629	1,031
Washington's Birthday.....	2,058	486	995	3,539
Total	6,640	1,151	3,943	11,734
Average	948	164	563	1,676

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATES ISSUED BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY AS MADE FREE.

'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03
11,986	15,159	13,476	16,915	15,815	25,984	35,816	41,263	42,933

TOTAL ISSUE BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03
Home Issue	881,426	472,718	551,059	647,171	698,889	707,828	740,179	778,507	902,768
Ref. and Lib.	40,628	46,082	51,240	69,070	65,782	69,986	70,606	95,106	101,971
Read. Room	165,859	170,142	184,729	204,259	195,783	201,886	187,812	208,757	232,892
Total	587,413	688,942	788,028	920,500	959,854	976,675	998,597	1,082,370	1,237,631

RECORDED USE OF BOOKS IN REFERENCE ROOM.

	1901-02	1902-03
May.....	5,651	5,678
June.....	4,542	4,645
July.....	4,618	4,578
August.....	3,812	4,866
September.....	3,878	3,815
October.....	6,876	6,955
November.....	7,545	9,114
December.....	7,000	7,316
January.....	8,334	9,104
February.....	8,132	9,196
March.....	8,715	9,195
April.....	5,648	8,000
	74,751	82,462

Reference.

The importance and the usefulness of this department is steadily growing, and the growth has been more marked the last two years than ever before. The recorded issue in the Reference Room for this year was 82,462 volumes, a gain of 7,711 over the previous year; but it is impossible to secure a record of all books consulted in a room where there is free access to the shelves. No great effort is made to do so, as an exact count is of no importance. It is enough to know that the reference collection is year by year being more extensively used and more highly appreciated. The additions for the past two years number 2,798 volumes, making the total number on May 1st, 1903, 49,789 volumes, to which must be added some 30,000 pamphlets. The reference room is already over-crowded with books and has not space for the adequate accommodation of students and investigators. The average issue on Sunday afternoons and evenings was 27 volumes.

The following printed lists were prepared by this department: 8 short lists of popular novels; lists on the following subjects: Manufactures, Practical Aid for Writers, Music, Municipal Improvements, Travel, Electricity, Indoor Games; 2 special lists on Thanksgiving and Christmas, and a somewhat extended list of books and articles on the Louisiana Purchase, which appeared in the April number of the Bulletin.

Delivery Stations.

There were issued through the stations, 285,423 books, a gain of 48,092. Station 14, Pestalozzi and Salina, continues our largest station, with an issue of 17,454, a gain of 3,460. This was followed by No. 30, Leffingwell and Cass, with 13,292; No. 22, Grand and Finney, 10,279; No. 25, Lafayette and California, 9,694; No. 33, Goode and Easton, 9,137; No. 23, Broadway and Keokuk, 8,919; No. 20, Marcus and Easton, 8,705; No. 2, Grand and St. Louis, 8,275. These include all that exceeded 8,000 volumes. There were 33,146 books issued through the Central High School.

The following stations were added during the year:

- No. 49. Olive and Whittier Sts.
- 50. 4115 Prairie Avenue.
- 51. Compton and Lawton Avenues.
- 52. 7th street and Cass Avenue.
- 53. North Market and Vandeventer Avenue.
- 54. Sarah street and Chouteau Avenue.
- 55. 11th and Penrose Streets.
- 56. Jefferson Avenue and North Market Street.
- 57. Leffingwell Avenue and Morgan Street.
- 58. Vandeventer and Laclede Avenues.

Station 28 was changed from Cheltenham to Grand and Gravois Avenues; No. 38 from 10th and Geyer Avenue to 12th and Geyer Avenue, and No. 48 from 18th and Cass Avenue to 20th and Wright Street. No. 41 was changed from a bi-weekly to a daily.

Juvenile.

This department continues to grow rapidly, both in the number of registered readers and in the issue of books. From it, directly and through the school depositories and the supplementary reading, were issued 238,822 volumes, a gain of 56,491 over the previous year. Adding to these the juvenile books issued at the adult delivery counter and through the delivery stations, gives a total of 322,039,—32 per cent of the total home issue. All of this reading is educational. If the children learn nothing else—and they cannot escape other acquisition—they at least learn to *read*, which is their chief business in their early years at school. In answer to the question, what should be taught in the public schools, Dr. Parkhurst wrote: "The first and pretty nearly the last thing the public schools ought to do for the average child is to teach him to read, speak and write the English language

intelligently. This will afford him no end of mental discipline, and will, at the same time, put into his hand the key to every door that he may need to swing further on."

The public library, then, is an essential adjunct of the public school; and the work it does in this capacity is a large factor in its value to the community. In my report for 1900-1901, I quoted statements from a number of St. Louis principals, testifying that the supplementary reading supplied to their pupils is "helpful in all their studies"; that it possesses "as high a value as anything taught in the schools"; while two teachers pronounce it to be "worth all the rest of the school work." They testify further that it is "a great aid to discipline directly and through effect on character"; that "it puts children in a better and happier frame of mind—more conducive to study"; and, finally, that "the books taken into the homes have been helpful to the entire community."

As indicated in the summary of statistics, the work of this department has three channels of operation; books drawn at the desks, supplementary reading sets sent to the schools, and school depositories. The last agency shows an issue twice as large as that of the previous year. This gain was the natural result of increasing the number of depositories from 35 to 60, and greater interest and care on the part of the teachers. The depository libraries are the selection of the individual teacher, who chooses such books as she thinks likely to prove most interesting and helpful to her pupils. Besides the public schools, one Catholic and one Lutheran school were provided with a collection. The grades in which these libraries have proved of greatest helpfulness and benefit are between the third and sixth. The plan of placing collections in rooms for younger children did not prove wholly satisfactory. For these the teacher prefers to get a set of supplementary reading books.

The chief impediment to a more rapid growth of the use of supplementary reading is the lack of means of transportation. Scarcely any is furnished by the Board of Education the first six weeks of each half-year; and most of the balance of the year the service is inadequate. The earnestness of the desire of teachers and pupils for these books is shown by their willingness to carry parcels and boxes of books themselves.

Of the 77 white schools, 51 used the supplementary sets: 16 did not. Of the 12 colored schools, 4 used them, and 8 did not. We also sent sets to 8 night schools; 6 public, 1 Jewish, and 1

Ethical. We supplied, also, 1 Catholic institution and the House of Refuge.

The following new sets of 30 copies each for the 7th and 8th grades were added during the year: specially prepared editions of Bulwer's Harold, Kennedy's Horse-shoe Robinson and Schiller's William Tell. Eggleston's First book in American history and Holbrook's Hiawatha primer were transferred to the regular shelves, because they were supplied to the schools by the Board of Education. Twenty-two sets were worn out: 3 sets of Lang's Cinderella, 2 sets each of Baldwin's Old stories of the East, Crosby's Our little book for little folks, Johonnot's Cats and dogs; one set each of Baldwin's Old Greek stories, Brooks' Stories of the red children, Eggleston's Stories of American life and adventure, Haaren's Rhymes and fables, Holbrook's Hiawatha primer, Judson and Bender's Graded literature readers, 1st book, Lang's Jack and the beanstalk, Little Red Riding-Hood and Princess on the glass hill, Swinton's Golden book of choice reading, Thompson's First reader, and Wiggin's Birds' Christmas Carol.

These 11 sets were replaced: 2 sets each of Baldwin, Old stories of the East, and Lang, Cinderella; 1 set each of Brooks, Red children; Eggleston, Stories of American life; Lang, Jack and the beanstalk and Little Red Riding-Hood; Swinton, Golden book of choice reading; Thompson, First reader; and Wiggin, Birds' Christmas Carol.

Thirty-six books were lost during the year, 12 were paid for and 4 destroyed on account of contagious diseases. One set, Lang, Jack and the beanstalk, was lost in transportation from the Dessalines School to the Library; but it was almost worn out and would soon have been condemned.

The relative popularity of the various sets was given in the last annual report. It has remained about the same.

A new supplementary reading list was, as usual, printed and distributed to the schools at the beginning of the school year, also a list on Sports and Handicrafts, an enlarged list on U. S. History, and a leaflet furnishing "Suggestions for a Reading Course for the 3d, 4th and 5th Grades." The arrangement of the last named list is chronological, beginning with the childhood of the race and continuing through the age of chivalry. The late Mr. C. L. Howard fully tested this course at the Columbia school, and his teachers concur in his opinion that the stories are peculiarly suited to the children of the above grades.

The list is prefaced by the above explanation of its purpose, and, with an introductory quotation from Herbart, is as follows:—

“True moral energy is the result of great scenes and thoughts, presented not in fragments, but as a unified whole.”—*Herbart*.

- 1. BALDWIN. Fifty famous stories retold.
- 2. “ Old stories of the East.
- 3. “ Old Greek stories.
- 4. HAWTHORNE. Wonder book; or—Kingsley. Greek heroes.
- 5. HOMER. Story of Troy. (Clarke.)
- 6. “ Story of Ulysses. (Cooke) or (Lamb.)
- 7. VIRGIL. Story of Aeneas. (Clarke.)
- 8. KEARY. Heroes of Asgard; or—Mabie. Norse stories.
- 9. NIBELUNGEN Lied. Story of the German Iliad. (Burt.)
- 10. ANDREWS. Ten boys. Read first four, then—
- 11. CLARKE. Story of Caesar.
- 12. SHAKESPEARE. Julius Caesar.
- 13. ANDREWS. Ten boys. Read Wulf and Gilbert, then—
- 14. GREENE. King Arthur and his court.

The following table shows the schools that were supplied with miscellaneous collections of books, the number of volumes to each, the time retained and the number of volumes issued from each:

REPORT OF DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES. 1902-1903.

	ROOMS.	BOOKS.	WEEKS.	TOTAL ISSUE.
Benton	3	111	26	966
Blow Night School...	1	25	8	76
Carondelet	2	100	27	1,736
Clinton	4	209	33	3,350
Columbia	6	350	34	8,297
Eliot	7	319	32	6,740
Emerson	6	221	31	3,609
Fremont	10	463	33	10,540
Froebel	4	196	18	2,290
Monroe	1	35	12	160
Rock Spring	2	102	27	1,522
Shepard	7	284	30	2,890
Walnut Park	2	96	27	723
Washington	2	64	29	1,062
St. Kevin	1	57	17	199
Walther College	2	70	13	412
	60	2,702		44,572

Crowded Quarters.

The task of administration is yearly rendered more difficult by the increasing insufficiency of space. For some years past we have had to resort to various expedients to secure

shelf-room and work-room. At first it was easy to add shelving for some nine or ten thousand volumes by lining the seventh floor lobby and corridor with closets, though this was accomplished only by shelving the books three deep. Besides this, the greater part of the ladies' space in the reading-room was filled with a stack 8 feet high; and 608 linear feet of low cases for newspapers were placed in the reading-room. This furnished sufficient shelf-room for a year or more. Since then, we have had to secure working space for four of the cataloguing staff by sacrificing two sections of the stack in the public document room, to narrow the aisles and shelves in this room and the reference room, and to build wall cases up to the ceiling, 16 feet high, in the latter room.

The present month, December, 1903, we have extended the reference room stack with rough pine shelving from 9 feet to 11 feet in height, and put up ceiling-high shelving in the delivery station room. And with all this additional shelving we were compelled to box our duplicates to the number of about 10,000 volumes, and store them in the Exposition building.

Staff.

Another impediment that is constantly with us lies in the frequent changes in the staff. Boys who have had more or less training as runners and shelvees are continually drawn off by commercial opportunities. The losses are chiefly in the lower grades: occasionally a middle grade assistant drops out; but resignations in the higher grades are few. I have, however, to record a notable loss for this year in the person of Miss Sylvia Allen, who for nine years rendered efficient service at the issue and receiving desks. She left on January 17, to be married. The present staff, though a number of its members are new, promises, with experience, to equal, if not surpass, any we have had heretofore. I take pleasure in commending its industry, efficiency and good spirit.

World's Fair Library Exhibit.

The contemplated Louisiana Purchase Exposition brought to the principal libraries of Missouri—and especially to the St. Louis Public Library—the duty of co-operating with the Exposition directors in securing the annual conference of the American Library Association, and also in preparing an exhibit of the work of the public library as an educational institution. Such

an exhibit was, of course, included in the plan of Mr. Howard J. Rogers, Director of the Department of Education.

Upon presentation of the matter, the American Library Association was convinced that the logic of events compelled the choice of St. Louis for its next Conference. It also appointed a committee of five, of which your Librarian is a member, to arrange for an exhibit showing the library activities of the country. It was agreed at the outset that the best form for such an exhibit would be a library building representing a model of a town library or a branch of a city system. This building was to be equipped with the most approved furniture, fixtures and appliances and supplied with a choice collection of six to ten thousand volumes, and was to present to visitors the object lesson of a public library in actual operation. The A. L. A., of course, had no money for the erection of such a building; nor did any of the Missouri libraries. But it was hoped that the Exposition directors would see in this an especially attractive feature and a valuable, permanent building to leave as a souvenir of the Fair. This hope was ultimately disappointed; and space was secured in the Education Building. Unlimited room was promised at first; but unforeseen demands cut down the allotment to a space 70x30 feet. At present writing the problem is to obtain money to erect a façade and convert this space into the semblance of a one-room library, fully equipped and with a collection of 6,000 to 10,000 volumes, comprising the best books in every department. There is still, however, a bare chance of securing a separate building, which is greatly to be desired.

In the outset, when it was hoped that the Exposition would erect a permanent library building, the Board of Directors of this Library sent to the Exposition Board the following appeal, which I submit with my report because it bears on one of the efforts of the year, and because what it says of the importance of the Public Library in general is not impertinent to a report on the work of a particular library; and, I may add, first and finally, because its publication has been requested by several prominent librarians, two of whom have requested the privilege of reprinting it, if it were not to appear in the publications of this institution.

To the Board of Directors of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Gentlemen:—

We beg leave to submit for your consideration the claims of the Public Library, as an institution, to recognition at the coming World's Fair.

It is not necessary to dwell on the universally admitted fact that education is the foundation of all progress,—that material prosperity and social order are based on, and may be measured by, the standard of general enlightenment. Your recognition of the importance of education is shown by your intention to erect a grand building for the exclusive use of that department. While every department of the Fair is educational, this particular building will be devoted to exhibits of various systems and methods of school and college instruction and training. But in the last fifty years has grown up in this country and in western Europe a new institution, which is educational in the broadest and the highest sense: in the broadest sense, because it reaches and benefits all classes and all ages as no other educational institution can do; in the highest sense, because there is no one so wise and learned as not to find in it information and help. The college reaches but $\frac{2}{5}$ of one per cent of the population, the high school a small additional percentage: an overwhelming majority of children leave school before they have completed even the grammar school course. The public library doubles the value of the education these millions receive while in school and enables them, and incites them, to go on with their education after they become bread-winners. It also furnishes to adults the means of making up deficiencies in early education: it aids artisans and artists in their work; it supplies to students, teachers and preachers the information and the inspiration which they convey to the people to whom they minister.

The Library, besides being the most efficient and most economical agency for popular education, represents all the Fair will have to show. It stands for the sum total of human knowledge. It is the instrumentality through which knowledge has been conserved and cumulated. Only through the Library can civilization continue to advance. The Fair is designed to exhibit a conspectus of the world in its present state, to show the progress made by man from rudest savagery, and particularly to point out the latest and highest achievements of the civilization of today. Would it not, then, seem strange and inexcusable to pass over, or relegate to some corner in a huge multifarious display, that creation of man which has made the World's Fair a possibility, that agency which will record and preserve the glories of the Fair and convey its lessons to thousands who cannot visit it? Books are the most potent factors in progress. Without books we should have had no powerful locomotives to show, no wireless telegraphy, no wonder-working machinery, no beautiful buildings, no impressive statuary, no paintings to arouse wonder and yield delight,—no World's Fair to draw to St. Louis visitors from all over the world.

The importance—the necessity—of the public library in a system of popular education is attested in the strongest terms by President Eliot of Harvard, Dr. Harris, U. S. Com'r. of Education, and many other leading educators. Dr. Harris says:

“What there is good in our American system points towards this preparation of the pupil for independent study of the book by himself. It points towards acquiring the ability of *self* education by means of the library.”

Principals of St. Louis public schools testify that the books supplied to their schools by our Public Library are the greatest aid in the school work. Some go so far as to say that this reading of literature is "worth as much as the whole school curriculum." All agree that these books are a great aid to discipline, that they "put the children into a better and happier state of mind more conducive to study," that they have a great and beneficent influence on conduct and character. Moreover, as has been said before, they beget a love of knowledge, which leads the child to continue his education after school days are over.

Now, the public school, including the high school, is known to everybody; it has been universally accepted for generations, and it flourishes in every city and town in the country. But the Public Library is known to comparatively few, especially in this section of the country. In the whole State of Missouri there are only seven public libraries.

The public library, then, being a co-ordinate agency with, and a necessary supplement to the public school (to say nothing of its other functions), should not be ignored or slighted by a World's Fair, whose chief aim is education. And since it is comparatively little known, it must be so presented as to attract attention. This it would not do if placed in a corner of some large building, as at Chicago and Paris. Moreover, library architecture is one of the lessons to be taught to the visitor.

A separate building, therefore, is necessary for the purpose of showing a model public library in operation.

The recommendation we ask you to adopt may be summed up as follows:

We recommend the erection of a Branch Library as one of the features of the World's Fair, and as one of the permanent buildings to be preserved in evidence of its enduring benefits to the city.

The general suggestion may be expanded as follows:

1. The structure to represent a model library building,—either for a town or for a branch in a city system,—and to cost not over \$50,000.

2. To contain 5,000 to 10,000 volumes, comprising the best books in every department, thus serving as a guide for the purchase of the first five or ten thousand volumes for a town library. These books can probably be obtained from the publishers gratuitously,—in this way securing for the Fair and the city a gift of six to twelve thousand dollars.

3. The whole exhibit to show a model American public library in actual operation.

Reasons for Including Such an Exhibit.

From the Viewpoint of the Fair.

1. It would represent the latest and most advanced educational agency,—an instrumentality which foremost teachers of the country consider of equal value with the public schools. Being even more available to all the people—irrespective of age, race, religion or pecuniary condition—than the public schools, there is no other institution that so fitly and fully represents the democratic basis of American society.

2. There is just now no more marked movement in this country than the spread of the public library. In the East and North every city and town that has not a new library building is endeavoring to get one. The South and Southwest, from which a large share of our visitors will come, are not thoroughly awake to the importance of the public library as an aid to popu-

lar education. The proposed Branch Library, therefore, would perform a much needed missionary work in these sections, in which St. Louis has so great a commercial interest.

3. A model library at our Fair would not only be a drawing feature, but would be of great practical and economic value in setting before visitors from all parts of the country an example to follow in planning and organizing their contemplated new libraries. America confessedly leads the world in public libraries; and foreigners would find special interest in observing an American public library in actual operation, in a handsome new building, illustrating the latest ideas in library architecture.

This building would represent at once the genius of our democratic country and the spirit of the time.

4. The Library, with its reading room supplied with late periodicals and papers from all over the world, would provide one of the pleasantest possible places for rest after the fatigues of sight-seeing. It would also represent the spirit of new St. Louis, which has made the Fair, and is to make St. Louis a progressive and beautiful city.

From the Viewpoint of Permanent Benefit to the City.

1. Advanced educators place the public library alongside the public schools as an absolute necessity of popular education.

To make the Public Library accessible to all the people of St. Louis there must be many branches,—many more than Mr. Carnegie's \$500,000 can erect. In a few years there will be a large population residing around Forest Park, who will be glad to have a branch library in the vicinity.

2. Many people not residents of that district would find it agreeable to spend some time in the library when visiting the park; and a beautiful building would be an ornament to the park and a feature of interest to strangers visiting the city.

Besides the gift of books which can be secured from the publishers, the Library Bureau of Boston promises to furnish and install, free of cost to the Exposition, a complete equipment of the most substantial and handsome character, including book stack and shelving, counters, desks and chairs, card cabinets and everything else that may be necessary to make the building a model of library furnishing.

We believe that the proposed Model Public Library will be one of the most interesting and instructive exhibits of the Fair; and we hope that the arguments that we have set forth (which might be multiplied) will appeal to your judgment and convince you of the wisdom of our recommendation.

We are

Respectfully yours,

F. W. LEHMANN, President.
GEO. O. CARPENTER, Vice-President.
MORRIS GLASER,
JOHN F. LEE,

WILLIAM MAFFITT,
I. W. MORTON,
EDWARD L. PREETORIUS,
O'NEILL RYAN,

Board of Directors.

F. M. CRUNDEN, Secretary.

With congratulations on the record of the year's accomplishment and the promise and assurance it gives of greater things to come, I have the honor to be

Respectfully and faithfully,

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

December, 1903.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the city of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edward L. Preetorius, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1903, on account of City appropriation and other sources, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

EDW. L. PREETORIUS,
Chairman Auditing Committee,
Board of Directors St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 30th day of January, Nineteen hundred and four.

(Seal.)

H. A. BERKEMEYER,
Notary Public.

My term expires June 13, 1906.

STATE of MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, } ss.

Before the undersigned, a Notary Public, within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being by me duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

F. M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 25th day of January, Nineteen hundred and four.

(Seal.)

OTTO L. ZELLE,
Notary Public, City of St. Louis.

My term expires November 10, 1905.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

MAY I, 1902—APRIL 30, 1903.

1,325 volumes, 6,059 pamphlets, 125 maps and 1,496 mounted pictures were received from 991 sources, as follows:

Vols. Pphs.		Vols. Pphs.	
Academy Book Room. <i>Bryn Athyn, Penn.</i>	6	Association of Military Surgeons. <i>Carlisle, Penn.</i>	11
Academy of Natural Sciences. <i>Phil.</i>	1	Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad. <i>Chic.</i>	1
Academy of Science of St. Louis.....	12	Atlanta. Carnegie Library.....	1
Adams, C. F. <i>Boston</i>	1	Ayr. Carnegie Public Library <i>Ayrshire, Scot.</i>	1
Adams (S. G.) Stamp & Seal Co. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	Baggot Real Estate Co. <i>St. Louis.</i>	2
Adams Nervine Asylum. <i>Boston</i>	1	Balch, E. S. <i>Phil.</i>	1
Adler, F. <i>N. Y.</i>	1	Balch, T. W. <i>Phil.</i>	1
Adrianse Memorial Library. <i>Poughkeepsie</i>	2	Ballard, H. H. <i>Pittsfield, Mass.</i>	1
Aguilar Free Library Soc. <i>N. Y.</i>	2	Baltimore. Chamber of Commerce.....	1
Alabama Agric. Exp. Sta. <i>Auburn</i>	8	Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. <i>St. Louis</i>	9
Albany, N. Y., Bd. of Educ.....	1	Bangor, Me. Public Library.....	1
All Souls Church. <i>Chicago</i>	8	Barnes Medical College. <i>St. Louis</i>	1
Allegheny, Penn., Carnegie Library.....	1	Bates, H. <i>Webster Groves, Mo.</i>	1
Alzheimer & Rawlings Investment Co. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	Battersea. Public Libraries. <i>Lond.</i>	1
American Academy of Medicine. <i>Chicago</i>	7	Baxter, J. P. <i>Portland, Me.</i>	1
American Anti-Vivisection Soc. <i>Phil.</i>	2	Bayer, (F.) & Co.	2
American Bd. of Commrs. for Foreign Missions. <i>Boston</i>	42	Belgium. Dept. of Agric.....	7
American Climatological Assoc. <i>Phil.</i>	1	Belleville. Public Library.....	2
American Colonization Society. <i>Wash., D. C.</i>	8	Benevolent Assoc. of the Christian Church. <i>St. Louis</i>	1
American Dermatological Assoc. <i>Chicago</i>	1	Berlin Photographic Co. <i>N. Y.</i>	5
American Free-Trade League. <i>Boston</i>	1	Berry, A. L. <i>St. Louis</i>	2
American Humane Educ. Soc. <i>Boston</i>	1	Biddle, S. M. <i>Monmouth, Ill.</i>	1
American Inst. of Architects. <i>Wash.</i>	7	Bigelow Public Library. <i>Clinton, Mass.</i>	1
American Inst. of Electrical Engineers.....	1	Birmingham, Eng. Free Libraries Com.	3
American Inst. of Homœopathy.....	2	Blackburn Free Library. <i>Blackburn, Lancaster, Eng.</i>	1
American Inst. of Sacred Literature. <i>Chicago</i>	2	Blair, J. L. <i>St. Louis</i>	2
American Irish Hist. Soc. <i>Bost.</i>	2	Blees Military Acad. <i>Macon, Mo.</i>	3
American Library Assoc.....	10	Blelock Mfg. Co. <i>St. Louis</i>	1
American Medical Assoc. <i>Chicago</i>	1	Blow, C. W. <i>St. Louis</i>	2
American Medico-Psychological Assoc. <i>Flint., Mich.</i>	2	Book notes. <i>Providence</i>	15
American Numismatic and Archæological Soc. <i>N. Y.</i>	1	Boston. Associated Charities.....	1
American Pediatric Soc. <i>Wash.</i>	2	— Auditor.....	1
American School of Correspondence. <i>Chic.</i>	2	— Children's Inst. Dept.....	1
American Social Science Assoc. <i>New Haven</i>	1	— Harbor and Land Commissioners.....	2
American Society of Civil Engineers. <i>N. Y.</i>	3	— Health Dept.....	2
American Street Railway Assoc. <i>Chic.</i>	1	— Metropolitan Park Commissioners.....	2
Amherst College. <i>Amherst, Mass.</i>	3	— Museum of Fine Arts.....	3
Anderson, W. S.....	1	— Provident Assoc.....	1
Andover Theological Seminary.....	2	— Public Library.....	15
Anonymous misc. sources.....	8	— Registry Dept.....	1
Architectural Press Pub. Co. <i>N. Y.</i>	2	— School Com.....	3
Arlington St. Church. <i>Bost.</i>	20	— Young Men's Christian Union.....	1
Armour Inst. of Technology. <i>Chic.</i>	1	Boston Athenæum Library.....	1
Art League of St. Louis. Mounted pictures, 1496.....	81	Boston Book Co.....	5
		Boston Chamber of Commerce.....	1
		Boston Transit Commn.....	1
		Bowdoin College. <i>Brunswick, Me.</i>	3
		Bradford, Penn. Carnegie Public Library.....	2
		Brannigan, J. <i>St. Louis</i>	1
		Breslau. Handelskammer.....	1
		Bristol, Eng. Public Libraries.....	2
		Broadhead & Haeussler. <i>St. Louis</i>	66
		Brockton, Mass. Public Library.....	2
		Brookline, Mass. Public Library.....	8
		Brooklyn. Public Library.....	16
		Brooklyn Inst. of Arts and Sciences.....	9

	Vols.	Ppchs.		Vols.	Ppchs.
Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co. Providence	1	.....	Civic Federation of Chicago	1	.....
Brown University. Providence	1	10	Civic Improvement League. St. Louis	27	.....
Bryn Mawr College. Bryn Mawr, Penn.	2	.....	Civic Publishing Co. N. Y.	1	.....
Buchmueller, S. St. Louis	15	.....	Cleveland Chamber of Commerce	1	.....
Buffalo. Public Library	2	.....	Public Library	12	.....
Bunker Hill Monument Ass'n. Bost.	1	.....	Cockrell, Hon. F. M. Warrensburg, Mo.	14	.....
Burlington, Ia. Free Public Library	1	.....	Cohen, Dr. S. S. Phil.	2	.....
Burlington, Vt. Fletcher Free Library	1	.....	Cole, G. W. N. Y.	1	.....
Butler, Hon. J. J. St. Louis	6	.....	Collectivist Society. N. Y.	1	.....
Cahn, Wampold & Co. Chic.	1	.....	College Settlement. N. Y.	2	.....
Caldwell, Rev. J. W. St. Louis	1	.....	Colonial Society of Penn. Phil.	1	.....
California. Bur. of Labor Statistics	1	.....	Colorado Agric. Exp. Sta.	17	.....
State Library	4	.....	Bur. of Health	2	.....
Cambria Steel Co. Phil.	2	.....	Bur. of Mines	2	.....
Cambridge. Mass. Public Free Library	2	.....	State Bd. of Agric.	1	.....
Canada. Auditor Gen.	2	.....	Supt. of Public Instruction	1	.....
Commr. of Customs	1	.....	Colorado Bar Asso.	4	.....
Dept. of Agric.	6	.....	Columbia Inst. for the Deaf and Dumb. Wash.	8	.....
Dept. of Justice	1	.....	Columbia Theatre. St. Louis	78	.....
Dept. of Railways and Canals	3	.....	Columbia University. N. Y.	1	8
Dept. of Trade and Commerce	11	.....	Congregational Missionary Library. St. Louis	129	.....
Deputy Minister of Militia and Defense	2	.....	Connecticut. Agric. Exp. Sta.	1	45
Geographic Board	3	.....	Bank Commrs.	1	.....
Geological Survey Dept.	4	.....	Railroad Commrs.	1	.....
Inland Revenue Dept.	4	.....	Secretary of State	6	.....
Marine and Fisheries Dept.	1	.....	State Bd. of Charities	1	.....
Minister of Finance	15	.....	State Bd. of Educ.	1	12
Minister of Public Works	1	.....	State Library	11	13
Post Office Dept.	10	.....	Cook, Mrs. A. E. St. Louis	60	.....
Carlisle Indian Industrial School. Carlisle, Penn.	1	.....	Co-operative Assoc. of America. Lewiston, Me.	2	.....
Carnegie Institution. Wash.	1	.....	Corey, D. P. Malden, Mass.	1	.....
Carpenter, Mrs. G. O. St. Louis	2	.....	Cornell Univ. Agric. Exp. Sta.	25	.....
Casco-Bay breeze. Maine	1	1	Corticello Silk Co. St. Louis	7	.....
Cathedral Library Assoc. N. Y.	2	.....	Cossitt Library. Memphis	4	.....
Cedar Rapids, Ia. Free Public Library	1	.....	Council Bluffs. Free Public Library	1	.....
Century Theatre. St. Louis	68	.....	Creighton Univ. Omaha	1	.....
Channing, W. Brookline, Mass.	1	.....	Crimmins, J. D. N. Y.	1	.....
Charity Organization Society of Buffalo	1	.....	Crunden, F. M. St. Louis	5	76
Chase & Sanborn. Bost.	4	.....	Crunden, Mrs. F. M. St. Louis	8	.....
Chautauqua Institution. Chautauqua, N. Y.	1	.....	Cudmore, P. Faribault, Minn.	1	.....
Chestnut, W. A. Kirkwood, Mo.	1	.....	Daland, Dr. J. Phil.	6	.....
Chicago Bd. of Health	28	.....	Dartmouth College. Hanover, N. H.	1	.....
Civil Service Commn.	2	.....	Dayton, O. Public Library	1	.....
Comptroller	1	.....	Dean, Miss C. R. St. Louis	1	.....
Fire Dept.	1	.....	Deering Harvester Co. Chic.	3	.....
Mayor	1	.....	DeLaval Separator Co. N. Y.	1	.....
Municipal Library and Bur. of Statistics	4	.....	Delaware Library Commn.	1	.....
Public Library	4	.....	Denton, A. B. St. Louis	17	.....
South Park Commrs.	2	.....	Denver. Bur. of Health	10	.....
Chicago Bibliographical Soc.	1	.....	Denver Medical Pub. Co.	11	.....
Chicago Bd. of Trade	2	.....	DePauw University. Greencastle, Ind.	1	.....
Chicago and Alton Railroad	1	.....	Des Moines Public Library	1	.....
Chicago and Northwestern Railroad	3	1	Detroit. Public Library	1	.....
Chicago Historical Soc.	1	.....	Dey, E. M. St. Louis	8	.....
Children's Aid Soc. of N. Y. City	1	.....	Dick, R. St. Louis	1	.....
Childrens' Episcopal Hospital of Cincinnati	1	.....	District of Columbia. Public Library. Wash.	1	.....
Christian Socialist League of America. Chic.	2	.....	Dodd, Mead & Co. N. Y.	1	.....
Cincinnati. Associated Charities	3	.....	Donahue (M. A.) & Co. Chic.	1	.....
Commrs. of Waterworks	1	.....	Draftsman. Cleveland, O.	18	.....
Public Library	15	.....	Drexel Inst. Library School. Phil.	2	.....
			Drury College. Springfield, Mo.	1	.....
			Dunlop, J. St. Louis	4	.....
			East St. Louis Public Library	2	.....
			East Side House Settlement.	.....	.....
			Webster Free Library, N. Y.	1	.....
			Eastern Manual Training Assoc. Allegheny	1	.....
			Eastern Trust Co. N. Y.	1	.....
			Eau Claire. Public Library	1	.....
			Edebohls, Dr. G. M. N. Y.	1	.....
			Edgar, T. B. St. Louis	1	.....
			Edwards, J. C. Denver	5	.....

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Eells, Rev. M.	1		Haverford College. Haverford,		
Ellis, E. W. Everett, Mass.	1		Penn.	1	
Emeny, J. St. Louis	18		Haverhill, Mass. Public Library	8	
Empire Theatre. N. Y.	1		Havlin's Theatre. St. Louis	74	
Enoch Pratt Free Library. Balti-			Hawaii. Weather Bur.	1	
more.	2		Health Culture Co. N. Y.	1	
Estes, W. R. G. Skowhegan, Me.	1		Heath (D. C.) & Co. Bost.	23	4
Evanston. Free Public Library	2		Heginbottom Free Library. Ash-		
Evening Dispensary for Women	1		ton-under-Lyne, Eng.	1	
Fairmount Park Art Assoc. Phil.	2		Heinze, F. A.	1	
Fall River. Public Library	2		Helena, Mont. Public Library	1	
Field Columbian Museum. Chic.	10		Hiller, H. M. Phil.	1	
Fifield, S. S. Ashland, Wis.	1		Hiram House. Cleveland	1	
First Congregational Church.			Historical and Scientific Soc. of		
San Francisco	1		Manitoba	3	
First Trinitarian Cong. Church.			Historical Soc. of Penn. Phil.	1	
St. Louis	1		Hoboken, N. J. Public Library	1	
Fitz Public Library. Chelsea, Mass.	1		Home for Incurables. N. Y.	1	
Florida Agric. Exp. Sta.	7		Home for the Training in		
Forbes Library. Northampton,			Speech. Phil.	1	
Mass.	1		Homestead, Penn. Carnegie Li-		
France Ministère des Travaux			brary	1	
Publics. Paris	1		Hornberger, J. A.	8	
— Ministère du Commerce,			Horner, Mrs. W. H. St. Louis	6	
de l'Industrie, des Post-			Hospital Saturday and Sunday		
es et des Telegraphes.			Assoc. St. Louis	1	
Paris	3		How, J. Eads. St. Louis	7	
Frankfurt-a-Main Freiherrlich			Huguenot Soc. of S. Carolina.		
Carl von Rothschild'schen			Charleston	1	
öffentliche Bibliothek	1		Humane Soc. of Mass. Bost.	1	
Free Society. Chic.	2		Hyatt, H. A. St. Louis	13	
Freegard, E. St. Louis	9	4	Illinois. Bur. of Labor Statis-		
Freudenstein, C. A. St. Louis	1		tics	2	
Friedenwald, Dr. H.	1		— Canal Commrs.	1	
Friends' Free Library and Read-			— Horticultural Soc.	1	
ing Room. Germantown, Penn.	1		— Insurance Dept.	3	
Froebel Library Assoc. St. Louis	8		— State Bd. of Charities	1	
Furnas (T. C.) & Co. Sheridan,			— State Board of Phar-		
Ind.	1		macy	1	
Gaiennie, F. St. Louis	1	5	— State Laboratory of		
Garrett, M. S. Phil.	1		Nat. Hist.	2	
Gauthier-Villars Library	1		Illinois Firemen's Assoc.	1	
Genealogical Soc. of Penn. Phil.	1		Illinois Masonic Home for the		
General Soc. of Mechanics and			aged	1	
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— D. C. Electrical Dept.....		1	Vierth, F. <i>Cedar Rapids, Ia.</i>		1
— Documents Office.....	204	400	Virginia State Bar Assoc. <i>Richmond</i>	1	
— Forestry Div.....		5	Von Phul, B. <i>St. Louis</i>		1
— Geol. Survey. 125 Maps.....		5	Wabash Railroad Co. <i>St. Louis</i>		5
— Immigration Bur.....		1	Wagner, Miss S. <i>St. Louis</i>		1
— Indian Commrs.....	1		Ward, (J.) & Son.....		1
— Interstate Commerce Commn.....	3		Warren Co. Library. <i>Monmouth, Ill.</i>		4
— Library of Congress. (Also Depository Cards.).....	2	8	Warvelle, G. W. <i>Chic.</i>		3
— Marine Hospital Service.....		82	Washington, Ind. Carnegie Public Library.....		1
— Naval Observatory.....		3			
— Patent Office.....		1			
— Smithsonian Inst.....	3	27			

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Washington Co. Free Public Li- brary. <i>Hagerstown, Md.</i>	1		Woman's Educ. Assoc. <i>Cam-</i> <i>bridge, Mass.</i>	1	
Washington (State) Bur. of La- bor.....	1		Woman's Medical College. <i>Balt.</i>	1	
Washington University. <i>St. Louis</i>	19		Woman's Christian Assoc. of <i>St.</i> <i>Louis</i>	1	
Washington University Assoc. . <i>St. Louis</i>	8		Woman's National Alliance <i>Bost.</i>	3	
Waterloo, S. <i>Chic.</i>	1		Wood, C. A. <i>Chic.</i>	1	
Watertown, <i>Mass.</i> Free Public Library.....	1		Woodruff, C. R. <i>Phil.</i>	3	
Wednesday Club. <i>St. Louis</i>	7		Worcester, <i>Mass.</i> Bd. of Trade.....	2	
Wellesley College. <i>Wellesley,</i> <i>Mass.</i>	1		— Free Public Library.....	24	
Weltmer, Prof. S. A. <i>Nevada, Mo.</i>	1		Worcester Co. Law Library.....	1	
Wentworth, Dr. A. H. <i>Bost.</i>	1		Worcester Polytechnic Institute.....	2	
Wesleyan University. <i>Middle-</i> <i>town, Conn.</i>	8		Wright (T.) & Co. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	
Westminster, <i>Eng.</i> Public Libra- ry.....	1		Wyoming. Agric. College and Exp. Sta.	1	3
West Virginia. Agric. Exp. Sta. <i>Morgantown</i>	5		— Auditor.....	1	
Western Australia.....	1		— Insurance Dept.	1	
Whitehead, Rev. J. <i>Detroit</i>	18		Xavier Free Pub. Soc. for the Blind.....	9	
William Jewell College. <i>Liberty,</i> <i>Mo.</i>	1		Yale University. <i>New Haven,</i> <i>Conn.</i>	3	
Williams, H. <i>N. Y.</i>	1		Young Men's Christian Assoc. <i>N. Y.</i>	3	
Williams, (J.) Bronze Foundry. <i>N. Y.</i>	2		Young Men's Christian Assoc. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	
Wilmington Institute. <i>Wilmington,</i> <i>Del.</i>	4		Young Men's Christian Associa- tions of <i>N. A. N. Y.</i>	1	
Winestone, E.	1		Young Men's Hebrew Assoc. <i>N.</i> <i>Y.</i>	1	
Wisconsin. Free Library Commn.	13		Young Women's Christian Assoc. <i>N. Y.</i>	2	
Woburn, <i>Mass.</i> Public Library.....	2				
Wolverhampton, <i>Eng.</i> Free Li- brary Com.	1				

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ST. LOUIS, MO., February 20, 1905.

*Hon. Rolla Wells,
Mayor of the City of St. Louis, City.*

DEAR SIR:

Enclosed herewith find report of Frederick M. Crunden, Librarian, showing the operations of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library for the year ending April 30th, 1904.

Very respectfully yours,

F. W. LEHMANN,
President of Board of Directors.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library:

I have the honor to submit herewith my eleventh annual report, covering the tenth year of the operation and setting forth the growth and activities of the Public Library for the year ending April 30, 1904. The financial status of the institution and the transactions of the year are shown in detail in the subjoined statement of receipts and expenditures. In a summary of this table the more important facts are as follows:

The total amount received from the city tax of two-fifths of a mill was \$173,064.63, an increase of \$6,510.13 over the previous year.

The desk receipts (for fines, issue of extra books, etc.) amounted to \$6,324.46, a trifling gain over the previous year, which, however, showed an increase of \$450 over the year before.

The rental from the Olive and Locust Street property was \$15,417.83, an increase of \$3,131.12 over the preceding year.

Of the sum subscribed for the purchase of the Exposition property, the contributors paid in last year \$58,250. The rent of the premises was \$28,000. Against this there was, as shown in the table, a considerable charge for taxes, salaries, insurance, repairs, etc., amounting to over \$7,000.

The expenditure for books was \$11,774.75, — \$4,412.53 less than that of the previous year; for binding, \$4,196.05, also less than the previous year by \$1,632.59. The bills for periodicals amounted to \$1,269.82, not quite a hundred dollars in excess of the previous year.

In March our lease on the present quarters was renewed for two years. The increase in the rent from \$7,500 to \$10,000 a year applied to the last two months of this year, raising the total to \$7,916.68.

The expense of transportation was increased \$209, chiefly by the employment of a fourth wagon (for work in the schools) during the last few months of the year.

The chief items in the furniture and repairs account were \$607 for card cabinets, desks and trucks, and \$170 for lumber for shelving.

The financial transaction of greatest magnitude was the payment of principal and interest notes on Block 510, amounting to \$182,247.19.

In addition to this, \$19,131.36 was paid on the Exposition property, freeing that from all debt.

Finally, of the total outlay of \$208,908.54, the sum of \$68,219.70 was expended for the conduct and maintenance of the Library (including the cost of books, periodicals and binding); and \$212,688.84 was invested in real estate or expended on its care, — insurance, repairs, taxes, salaries, etc. The total expenditure for maintenance the preceding year was \$69,261.92, the largest sum thus far expended. If, however, the usual number of books had been bought this year, the total expenditure would, as was to be expected, have exceeded that of the year previous. As will be explained later, the purchase of books must be more or less curtailed until more room is obtained.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 13, 1904.

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To Balance in City Treasury, April 13, 1903.....	\$ 18,909 09	
Collections, April 14, 1903 — April 11, 1904....	173,064 63	\$191,973 72
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Balance in Bank Fund, April, 1903		8,549 66
Balance in Contingent Fund.....		93 02
Collection of Duplicates,		
Books and magazines issued.....	1,925 45	
Fines.....	3,493 89	
Books sold, lost and paid for.....	293 85	
Catalogues.....	148 15	
Lost cards.....	260 80	
Postals.....	21 76	
Miscellaneous.....	185 56	6,329 46
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Rent collections.....		15,417 83
Interest.....		239 97
Exposition Site,		
Rent.....	\$28,000 00	
Subscriptions.....	58,250 00	
Salvage and Insurance		
Rebate.....	65 30	
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		<hr/>
		\$308,918 96

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By Salaries.....		\$ 32,898 36
Books, Main Collection.....	\$11,018 44	
Collection of Duplicates.....	756 31	
Binding.....	4,196 05	
Periodicals, Main Collection.....	992 55	
Coll. of Duplicates.....	277 27	17,240 62
Rent.....	7,916 68	
Insurance.....	910 00	
Furniture and repairs.....	1,346 03	10,172 71
Expense,		
Printing and Stationery.....	2,838 03	
Transportation, Del. Sta.....	\$3,076 03	
Schools.....	195 00	3,271 03
Postage.....	378 03	
Sundries.....	1,255 02	
Supplies.....	155 90	
Advertising.....	10 00	7,908 01
Real Estate, City Block 510; 17th, 18th, Olive & Locust Sts.,		
Principal and interest notes.....	182,247 19	
Insurance.....	613 84	
Repairs and commissions.....	3,196 68	
Taxes, Sprinkling.....	82 87	186,140 58
Exposition Site,		
Note and interest.....	19,131 36	
Taxes, Power House.....	1,899 29	
Sprinkling.....	92 88	
Salaries.....	1,500 00	
Expense.....	354 31	
Repairs.....	418 86	
Insurance.....	2,959 5	26,356 20
Wm. Barr Lot,		
Transfer.....	5 00	
Sprinkling taxes.....	187 06	192 06
Total Expenditures.....		\$280,908 54
Balance in City Treasury, April 11, 1904....		10,388 54
Balance in Bank Fund.....		17,477 95
Balance in Contingent Fund		113 93
		\$308,918 96

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894, to APRIL, 1904.

RECEIPTS.

	Exposi- tion Site	City Col- lections	Desk Re- ceipts	Rent	Insur- ance	Misc.	Total
1894		\$ 49,773 52	113 66				49,887 18
1895		59,035 80	2,593 26			3 41	61,632 47
1896		61,929 51	3,649 98	482 79		87 96	66,150 24
1897		64,663 32	3,741 31	1,879 56		187 72	70,471 91
1898		67,638 45	3,839 86	1,480 00		424 81	73,388 12
1899		71,340 13	3,901 72	12,328 55	39,742 72*	476 24	127,789 36
1900		73,781 47	4,392 48	12,945 50		51 98	91,171 43
1901		75,727 18	5,095 81	13,501 46		398 23	94,722 68
1902		149,321 24	5,852 79	11,649 13		204 75	167,027 91
1903	\$76,443 69	166,554 50	6,302 87	12,286 71		626 79	262,214 56
1904	86,315 30	173,064 63	6,324 46	15,417 83		244 97	281,367 19
Total	\$162,758 99	1,012,829 75	45,808 20	81,971 53	39,742 72	2,706 86	1,345,818 05

EXPENDITURES.

	Exposition Site	Maintenance	Real Estate	Total
1894		\$2,876 19		\$2,876 19
1895		48,345 69		48,345 69
1896		52,318 45	40,900 00	93,218 45
1897		48,738 69	24,872 58	73,611 27
1898		58,051 90	29,972 00	88,023 90
1899		55,811 21	88,347 95	144,159 16
1900		45,789 48	36,973 36	82,762 84
1901		53,687 33	35,366 34	89,053 67
1902		67,623 32	36,801 44	104,424 76
1903	\$217,405 33	69,261 92	28,795 91	315,463 16
1904	26,273 08	68,224 70	186,410 76	280,908 54
Total	\$243,678 41	565,688 88	508,440 34	1,317,807 63

Balance in City Treasury, April 11, 1904. \$ 10,388 54

Balance in Bank Fund..... 17,477 95

Balance in Contingent Fund, April, 1904..... 143 93

\$1,345,818 05

* For houses on City Block 510 burned immediately after the purchase of the property.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

Before taking up the various departments in detail a brief summary is here given of the leading statistics contained in the report:

The collection was increased by the addition of 15,414 volumes, duly catalogued and placed on the shelves ready for use. Of these, 2,327 were gifts. The total included 332 volumes in German, 98 in French, 356 in Russian and 121 in various other languages.

The donations for the year numbered 3,144 volumes, 7,289 pamphlets, from 1,019 different sources. A complete list of donors is presented in an appendix.

The registered readers numbered, at the close of the year, 59,476. Particulars will be found under the department.

The total number of books and periodicals issued during the year was 1,294,498, a gain of 56,867 over the previous year. The number of books drawn for home and school reading was 939,623. Books used in the Library numbered 111,662, and periodicals 243,213. Full details appear later in tabular form.

REGISTRATION.

The registration for the year numbered 19,977 names. Of these 13,476 were registered for the first time and 6,501 were renewals, in accordance with the rule which requires a re-registration at the end of every three years. In addition to the regular reader's card, 1,742 "extra" (non-fiction) cards were issued and 294 "teachers'" cards, 13,435 cards that had been filled were replaced by new ones; and 1,491 were lost and new ones paid for. Guaranties to the number of 86 were withdrawn or cancelled; and 3,621 addresses were changed. All this involved an amount of clerical work that cannot be indicated by a mere statement of the figures. The name of every applicant for a card and of every guarantor must be looked up in the directory and every cardholder assigned to his ward; and all the records must be kept with the greatest accuracy, in order to avoid annoyance and loss of time to the library and to the public. Detailed statistics of the registration follow:

REGISTRATION.

Total cards in force, April 30, 1903.....	58,961	
Registered May 1, 1903 — April 30, 1904.....	13,476	72,437
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Cards expiring to April 30, 1904.....	19,462	
Less re-registered.....	6,501	12,961
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		59,476

Total cards in force April 30, 1904:		
Men.....	15,347	
Women.....	16,748	
Children.....	27,319	
Institutions.....	62	59,476

REGISTRATION BY WARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1904.

WARD.		WARD.		WARD.	
1.....	523	11.....	545	21.....	761
2.....	441	12.....	880	22.....	1,162
3.....	553	13.....	728	23.....	522
4.....	446	14.....	284	24.....	1,235
5.....	240	15.....	389	25.....	1,098
6.....	480	16.....	374	26.....	1,087
7.....	403	17.....	559	27.....	1,009
8.....	414	18.....	676	28.....	1,736
9.....	587	19.....	787	Suburban....	429
10.....	930	20.....	693		
				Total.....	19,977

TOTAL REGISTRATION BY WARDS.

WARD.		WARD.		WARD.	
1.....	1,513	11.....	1,388	21.....	2,064
2.....	1,900	12.....	1,504	22.....	3,233
3.....	2,363	13.....	2,457	23.....	1,112
4.....	1,230	14.....	1,009	24.....	3,175
5.....	743	15.....	1,342	25.....	3,503
6.....	1,837	16.....	1,818	26.....	3,488
7.....	1,340	17.....	2,480	27.....	2,583
8.....	1,707	18.....	1,673	28.....	4,362
9.....	2,415	19.....	1,972	Suburban.....	596
10.....	3,176	20.....	1,493		
				Total.....	59,476

The above figures bear striking evidence of the growth of the city towards the west. The three wards that have the largest registration lie entirely west of Grand Avenue, the city limit of twenty-eight years ago. The 28th ward leads all others, with a registration of 4,362. This ward begins at 43d Street (Boyle Avenue) and extends west to the city limits, bounded on the north by Page Boulevard and on the south by Oakland Avenue. This is a large area; but to an old resident it is rather astonishing that the ward that furnishes the largest number of readers by a considerable excess over any other, *begins* at 43d Street, three miles or more from the Library and a mile beyond the former western limit of the city.

The ward that ranks next, but with nearly a thousand names less (3,503) is the 25th, which lies directly east of the 28th; but it does not extend as far east as Grand Avenue, with Cook Avenue and the Pacific R. R. tracks for northern and southern limits.

Next comes the 26th ward with practically the same number, 3,488. Its limits are Cook Avenue on the south and St. Louis Avenue on the north; and nearly all of it lies west of Vandeventer Avenue.

The 22d ward follows, with a registration of 3,233. This ward extends from 22d Street on the east to Grand Avenue on the west, and from Easton to Laclede.

Then comes the 10th ward, with 3,176, and the 24th, with 3,175. The 10th extends along the river front from Potomac Street on the north to Osceola on the south and along Grand from Osceola to Arsenal, with a small corner as far north as Magnolia and Sidney. The 24th covers the huge area from Grand Avenue to the western limit of the city and from Eichelberger Street on the south to Oakland Avenue on the north. It contains Tower Grove Park and Shaw's Garden. We have been accustomed to think of it as a region of market gardens; but it evidently has a considerable population, to rank in readers sixth among the wards of the city. These six wards are all that have a registration above 3,000.

The facts revealed by these statistics have a certain interest in themselves; but their chief interest lies in their significance. They show that the Library is most used by the residents of the central and west-central district of the city, extending from 22d Street west and spreading fan-like as it goes. In this region live a great majority of the commercial and professional classes who come to the central down-town district for their daily vocations and for their shopping. This part of the city has on every occasion furnished the largest favorable vote on library propositions. They have, however, always been strongly reinforced by the down-town wards. At the last election, on the question of the acceptance of the terms of Mr. Carnegie's gift, the largest majority for acceptance was given by the 4th ward, that in which the Library is situated. The obvious reason for the smaller registration in this ward is the smaller number of residents it contains and the larger proportion of the "floating population;" but while the residents of this district are not so likely to become cardholders and home readers, they constitute a large proportion of the thousands who use the reading rooms. The ward statistics show, as was to be expected, that the central library is most used by that portion of the community to which, from proximity and habits of life, it is most accessible. The vote shows, as was also to be expected, that those who are best acquainted with the Library and have received most benefit from it are most willing to vote appropriations for its maintenance and enlargement. And the lesson of it all is that branches are needed to carry the influence of the Library into parts of the city, whose residents transact all the

affairs of life in the immediate neighborhood and who do not have sufficient desire for reading to induce them to go to any trouble to get books. Books and reading rooms must be carried to them, as are groceries and clothes and all the other necessities of life. Our delivery stations have done and are doing much; but branches are necessary to realize the possibilities of a public library system. It should be, and in the near future will be, not the St. Louis Public Library but the St. Louis Public *Libraries*, just as it is the St. Louis Public *Schools*.

CATALOGUE AND ORDER DEPARTMENT.

A smaller number of books was added to the collection this year than in any of the three years preceding. There were several contributing causes, the principal being lack of shelf room. While the Library is in its present crowded quarters, purchases must be confined chiefly to two classes: books of merit in every-day demand, and books of permanent value that may be obtained at a bargain.

The additions for the year amounted to 15,414, of which 356 were in the Russian language, 332 German, 98 French and 121 in other foreign languages. The number added by purchase was 12,270, — 2,344 less than the last year. The number added by donation was 2,327, or 1,144 more than last year.

The German Fiction Catalogue appeared in the early part of the year, the work of preparation having been largely done before the close of last year.

The Monthly Bulletin was issued on time throughout the year, a change of type in March giving it a much handsomer appearance.

23,117 new cards were written and inserted in the various catalogues. Of this number, 1,108 were printed cards obtained from the Library of Congress, the Library Bureau, Publishers' Weekly and English History cards. In December the Library increased its subscription from three to four copies of each card of a selected list of Library of Congress cards. Such cards in the classed catalogue as have been soiled through use and soot have been copied in classes 1-40 inclusive.

In addition to the 23,117 cards mentioned above, 20,997 shelf-list cards have been written and inserted. These included the shelf-list cards in classes 30-68sp, which were copied on the small standard size card for the purpose of economizing space.

The work of this department has been carried on effectively in spite of difficulties caused by the crowded condition of the catalogue room and the enforced separation of the staff into two sections more than a hundred feet apart.

GERMAN COLLECTION.

Owing to the fact that books in the German language are scattered through the various classes according to the subjects of which they treat, only a rough estimate has heretofore been made of the total number of German books in the Library. An actual count made this year shows that we have about 12,500 volumes distributed by class and room as follows: —

Classes	Circulating Books	Reference Books	Totals
Philosophy	176	6	182
Religion.....	138	16	154
Social Science	402	309	711
Natural Science.....	820	1,026	1,846
Art and Poetry.....	745	169	914
Fiction	4,720		4,720
Juvenile.....	440	3	443
Literary Miscellany....	878	238	1,116
Geography, History and Biog- raphy.....	1,041	108	1,149
Cyclopaedias and Magazines.	35	1,063	1,098
Total.....	9,395	2,933	12,333
Additions, February — April.....			100
Total, April 30.....			12,433

The additions for the year, divided by class, language and source, are given in the following table: —

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30th, 1904.

Classes	Reg. Library	Coll. of Duplicates	Totals
Philosophy	94		94
Religion.....	689		689
Social Science.....	1,596		1,596
Natural Science.....	1,188		1,188
Art and Poetry.....	1,013	2	1,015
Fiction	1,646	724	2,370
Juvenile Literature.....	5,724	6	5,730
Literary Miscellany.....	614	6	620
Travels and History.....	812		812
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals	1,300		1,300
	14,676	738	15,414

Source			
Purchase	11,532	738	12,270
Gift	2,327		2,327
Pamphlets, bound.....	116		116
Periodicals, bound.....	701		701
	14,676	738	15,414
Language			
English.....	13,769	738	14,507
French	98		98
German	332		332
Russian	356		356
Other	121		121
	14,676	738	15,414

Periodicals to complete sets, 1,630.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC.

Withdrawn.....	5,099
Lost and paid for... ..	236
Burned on account of contagious disease.....	1
Sold.....	2
Charged to borrowers and not returned:	
For reading-room use.....	12
For home use.....	80
	92
Total.....	5,430
Total additions.....	15,414
Less above.....	5,494
Net increase.....	9,920

Of the 5,099 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 2,356 were replaced by new copies, as were also 78 volumes out of 236 lost and paid for.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

In my last annual report I gave a detailed statement of the inventory taken in the spring of 1903, showing how many volumes were in each class and room and the total of the collection. Taking this as a basis, and adding the net increase of the year, we obtain the total contents at the end of this year.

Total contents of the Library, April 30, 1903.....	165,658
Net increase, May 1, 1903 — April 30, 1904.....	9,920
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Total contents, April 30, 1904.....	175,578

Among the noteworthy additions of the year, a list of which is appended, attention is called to the dictionaries bought in answer to the increased demand caused by the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. A scrutiny of these lists from year to year will show that books on the Fine Arts nearly always lead, as is to be expected from their higher average cost. This year, however, the two works of highest price and greatest note are not classed in Art, though their chief interest for the general reader is in that domain. They are Cesnola's *Descriptive Atlas of the Cesnola Collection*, which has been twenty years in preparation, and Brinkley's *Japan*, a work in ten folio volumes. These volumes are profusely and exquisitely illustrated in color by Japanese artists. The books are readable as well as beautiful and contain a great amount of useful information regarding the social and business life of this progressive people.

SOME NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONS: ARRANGED IN ORDER OF CLAS.

MYERS, F. W. H. Human personality. 1903.	4a
NEVIN, A. Encyclopaedia of the Presbyterian Church of the U. S. [pref. 1884.]	Ref. 6a
BUTLER, C. H. Treaty making power of the U. S. 1902. 2 v.	Ref. 23a
OSTROGORSKI, M. Democracy. 1902. 2 v.	26
REEVES, W. P. State experiments in Australia. 1902. 2 v.	26a
KELLY's directory of merchants, manufacturers and shippers. [1903.]	30c
MOODY, J., ed. Moody's manual of corporation securities. 1903.	30d
SMITH, H. J. Smith's financial dictionary. 1903.	Ref. 30d
DALE, J. H. v. Van Dale's groot woordenboek. 1898.	Ref. 34
STEINGASS, F. English-Arabic dictionary — Arabic-Eng. dictionary.	Ref. 34
REAL Acad. Español. Diccionario de la lengua castellana. 1899.	Ref. 34e
PETROCCHI, P. Novo dizionario univ. della lingua italiana. 1902.	Ref. 34f
MICHAELIS, H. New Dictionary of Portuguese. 1893. 2 v.	34p
GUNSAULUS, F. W., ed. Reference library; modern engineering. 1903. 10 v.	40
BAKER, I. O. Treatise on roads and pavements. 1903.	40a
WEBB, W. L. Railroad construction. 1903.	40a
BURGOYNE, A. H. Submarine navigation. 1903. 2 v.	40e
FLEMING, J. A. Handbook for the electrical laboratory [pref. 1901.] v. 1.	43
CHARPENTIER, P. Timber. 1902.	49b
CESNOLA, L. P. di. Descriptive atlas of the Cesnola coll. 1885-1903. 3 v.	Ref. 51a
FOWKE, G. Archaeological history of Ohio. 1902.	51a
GARDNER, E. A. Ancient Athens. 1902.	51a
SADTLER, S. P., and Coblenz, V. Text-book of chemistry. [c1898-1900.] 2v.	Mc3

- ELLIS, G. Modern practical joinery. 1902. 61b
- BEACH, E. E., and Thorne, W. W. American business and accounting
encyclopaedia. [c1901.] 2 v. 62a
- CHITTENDEN, H. M. History of early navigation on the Missouri. 2 v. 1903. 62c
- MACCOLL, D. S. 19th century art. 1902. Ref. 65
- BRANDON, R., and J. A. Analysis of Gothic architecture. 1903. 2 v. Ref. 65a
- MURRAY, A. S. Sculptures of the Parthenon. 1903. 65b
- TAFT, L. History of American sculpture. 1904. Ref. 65b
- BEHRNS, C. Blüthe und Frucht in dekorativer Anordnung. Ser 1. Ref. 65c
- BELL, Mrs. N. E. (M.) Masterpieces of the great artists. 1895. Ref. 65c
- KONODY, P. G. Art of Walter Crane. 1902. Ref. 65c
- THOMPSON, D. C. Barbizon school of painters. 1902. Ref. 65c
- WYLLIE, W. L. Nature's laws and making pictures. 1903. 65c
- BAILEY, L. H. Nature portraits. 1903. Ref. 65e
- HESSLING, E., ed. Decorative und monumentale Malereien. v. 1. n. d.
Ref. 65e
- HOLME, C. Representative art of our time. 1903. Ref. 65e
- HUGHES, R. Musical guide. 1903. 2 v. 65f
- OXFORD history of music. v. 1, 3-4. 1901-2. 65f
- SHAKESPEARE. Book of Shakespeare's songs. 1903. 65f
- ALFORD, M., *Lady*. Needlework as art. 1885. Ref. 65g
- BURTON, W. History and description of English porcelain. 1902. Ref. 65g
- CATTELLE, W. R. Precious stones. 1903. 65g
- GIBB, E. J. W. History of Ottoman poetry. 1900-2. 66a
- BROWN, T. A. History of the New York stage. 1903. 3 v. Ref. 66b
- YEATMAN. The gentle Shakespeare. n. d. 67d1
- AMERICAN caricatures. n. d. Ref. 72c
- BREWER, D. J., ed. World's best orations. 1900-2. 10 v. 74
- LEE, G. C. World's orators. 1901. 10 v. 74
- BREWER, D. J., and others, eds. Crowned masterpieces of literature.
1902. 10 v. [Same as Best Essays.] 75
- GARNETT, R. English literature. v. 1-4. 1904. 4 v. Ref. 77b
- EVANS, C. American bibliography. v. 1. 1903. Ref. 78b
- HATIN, L. E. Histoire politique et littéraire de la presse en France.
1859-61. 8 v. Ref. 78b
- ABRUZZI, *Duke*. On the Polar Star. 1903. 82c
- FILIPPI, F. de. Ascent of Mt. St. Elias by the Duke of Abruzzi. 1900. 83c
- SANTA ANNA NERY, F. G. de. Land of the Amazons. 1901. 83f
- HAGGARD, H. R. Rural England. 1902. 2 v. 84a
- ABBOTT, G. F. Tale of a tour in Macedonia. 1903. 84h
- BRINKLEY, F., ed. Japan. [c1837.] 10 v. Ref. 85d
- DAVIDSON, J. W. Island of Formosa. 1903. 85d
- SANDERSON, E., and others. The world's history and its makers.
1901-2. 10 v. 89
- THATCHER, O. J., ed. Ideas that have influenced civilization. [c1901-2.]
10 v. 89
- FORTIER, A. History of Louisiana. 1904. 4 v. Ref. 91
- LEE, G. C., ed. History of North America. v. 1-2. [c1903.] 91

SPEARS, J. R., and Clark, A. H. History of the Mississippi Valley. 1903.	91
LEE, F. B. New Jersey. 1902. 4 v.	91d
STANARD, W. G., and M. N. Colonial Virginia register. 1902.	91d
THOMSON, A. M. Political history of Wisconsin. 1902.	91d
HENNEPIN, L. New discovery of a vast country in America. 1903. 2 v.	92
CLEMENT, C. E. Rome. [c1896.] 2 v.	94a
CASTIGLIONE, B. Book of the courtier. 1902.	96
SEYMOUR, W. W. The cross in tradition. 1898.	96
ABBOTT, E. A. St. Thomas of Canterbury. 1898. 2 v.	97b
ANNUAL Burns Chronicle. 1-12. 1892-1903.	Ref. 97b
ARMSTRONG, E. Emperor Charles V. 1902. 2 v.	97b
BERNARD, St. Life and works by Mabillon. n. d. 2 v.	97b
CARLYLE, Mrs. J. W. New letters and memorials. 1903. 2 v.	97b
CHAMPNEYS, B. Memoirs and correspondence of Coventry Patmore. 1900.	97b
DARWIN, C. R. More letters. 1903. 2 v.	97b
FURNISS, H. Confessions of a caricaturist. [c1901.]	97b
HAMILTON, S. M. Letters to Washington. 1898-1903. 5 v.	97b
HENSMAN, H. Cecil Rhodes. 1902.	97b
HOAR, G. F. Autobiography of 70 years. 1903. 2 v.	97b
PAGET, Sir A. Paget papers. 1896. 2 v.	97b
WOLSELEY, G. J. Story of a soldier's life. 1903. 2 v.	97b
PITTMAN, Mrs. H. D., ed. Americans of gentle birth. v. 1. 1903.	Ref. 97c
POPE, C. H. Pioneers of Massachusetts. 1900.	Ref. 97c
UNIVERSITY Encyclopedia; ed. by McCracken. 1902. 10 v.	97a

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

The donations and exchanges for the year amounted to 3,144 volumes and 7,289 pamphlets, an increase of 1,819 volumes and 1,230 pamphlets over the large list of last year. A complete list of gifts and exchanges with names of donors is given in an appendix. Copies of our English and German fiction catalogues have been sent to about eighty libraries; and our monthly bulletin and annual report to all of the large and to many of the small libraries, particularly those in neighboring states.

BINDING.

The number of volumes sent to the binder for first binding was 2,455, an increase of 1,036 over last year. The cost averaged 67 cents per volume. The increase of three cents in price was probably due to the binding of a greater proportion of large volumes than last year. 7,833 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$3,347.55, an average of 43 cents per volume; and 1,412 volumes were repaired at a cost of \$363.75, an average of 25 cents per volume. There were also 10,287

volumes repaired in the Library, the repairs ranging from patching or inserting a few leaves to supplying new covers. These cost, on an average, four cents a volume for salary and material.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

RECORDS AND NOTICES.

Like the registration division, this sub-department comprises within its purview a large amount of routine work. Here are gathered all the business details of the circulation department. The recovery of overdue books, the recording and collating of statistics, correspondence with card-holders, rewriting of book cards, typewriting book lists, the ordering, care and distribution of stationery and supplies, and numberless odds and ends, each item, seemingly of little importance in itself, but in the aggregate a most important factor in the successful operation of the Library. This work for the most part is done by 'prentice hands, for here it is that the newcomer enters the service and under the direction of the clerk in charge (an experienced assistant), learns the first lessons of system and order and attention to detail, which form the foundation of future fitness for higher work.

In the daily routine come the rewriting of the book cards (the first card is written in the cataloguing room) and the sending of notices for books overdue. During the year 41,521 book cards were rewritten and 17,680 notices were sent for overdue books, — 13,280 first notices, 3,498 second and 852 third. Among the chief items of other routine correspondence were 2,218 notices regarding books in infected houses, directing holders to hand them over to the health officers;* 985 notices of books reserved, and 1,254 miscellaneous notices, besides many letters of greater or less length supplying information or straightening out difficulties or answering minor complaints. All serious complaints (an exceedingly small number) and requests for bibliographical or general information go directly to the Librarian for reply.

From this department, naturally, the messenger is sent to recover books for which three notices (two of them sealed) have previously been sent. Last year the messenger called for 292 volumes. All of

* The Health Commissioner sends to the Library every day a list of the houses posted. To every one of these the following notice is sent:

The Board of Health reports a case of in your family. If you have any Library books in your possession please do not return them to the Library or ask for others until your house and books have been fumigated.

To avoid all possible chances of contagion a copy of this circular is sent to all households reported by the Health Department. If you have a library book now kindly let us have author and number immediately.

Failure to observe the foregoing requests will be a sufficient cause for the permanent withdrawal of library privileges.

these were recovered except 44. These were drawn by persons who had left the neighborhood (and in many cases the city) and could not be traced.

CIRCULATION.

Last year's report noted an increase of 155,261 in the issue of books and periodicals over the issue of the year before. This year shows a farther gain of 56,867. Though the World's Fair was not formally opened till just at the close of this year, it was anticipated that its attractions, even during the formative period, would lessen the amount of reading done, and that the record of the year would show an actual decrease in circulation instead of the steady increase which has marked successive years from the outset. It is found that any excitement or distraction from the ordinary routine lessens the demand for books. For example, Christmas occupations make December a lighter month than November; and September, when parents and teachers and pupils are all busy with preparations for school and for the coming season, is usually the lightest month of the year. What may be called the steady reading season does not begin until after January 1st; and March is the culminating month. How great the drop may be in April depends on the weather. If St. Louis were in the latitude of St. Paul, at least ten, probably twenty, possibly thirty per cent more books would be read.

My anticipation of a decrease in circulation was based on the reasons above given, strengthened by the fact that such result was noted in Buffalo and Chicago during their World's Fair seasons. The Chicago report for 1892-93 makes this statement:

"The circulation has decreased somewhat from that of last year. This phenomenon, an exception to the showing of all previous reports, finds its explanation in the preparation for and the opening of the Columbian Exposition."

The Buffalo Public Library reports a decrease of 14,785 in the total circulation with the comment,

"This is a very small reduction, when the distractions of the Pan-American year are considered."

The growth of this Library in popularity and usefulness has been a steady, uninterrupted progress. This is plainly shown by the table exhibiting the issue for each of the ten years of its existence. The issue for home reading has increased gradually, by fairly even steps, from 331,000 (to use even numbers) in 1894, to 939,000 in 1904; the use of books in the Library from 40,000 to 111,000; periodicals,

from 165,000 to 243,000. The home issue has all but trebled; the rate of increase in the library issue is nearly the same; while the reading-room issue, though it has gained more than 75,000, has not doubled. There is a ready explanation for this, in the fact that the reading-room was always free. So, to be sure, was the reference use of books; but so long as there was a subscription fee required for full privileges, the Library was not known as the property of the people; and those privileges that were entirely free were not so widely used. The most rapid increase naturally took place the first year the Library was made free, when (though the year included only ten months) the number of registered readers increased from four or five thousand to 24,000, and the books drawn for home reading from 121,000 to 331,000. In the second year (the first full year) the home issue was very nearly quadrupled. Full particulars regarding the issue are given in the following tables. In the first table the issue for the year is so classed as to show the proportion of the total circulation that went through each agency of distribution. It is noteworthy that of the total home issue numbering 939,623 volumes, more than half, 476,922, were delivered through the several outside agencies; and also that of the 371,346 volumes drawn by adults at the Library, 206,002, or 55 per cent, were chosen by readers from the open shelves.

ISSUE STATISTICS.

Home Issue.

Main Desk.....		165,344
Open Shelves, Miscellaneous.....	168,696	
Collection of Duplicates.....	37,306	206,002
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Juvenile Department.		
Drawn from Library.....	91,365	
Supplementary Reading	144,818	
Depositories.....	54,647	290,830
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Delivery Stations.....		277,447
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Total Home Issue.....		939,623
Total Library Issue.....		111,662
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Total Issue of Books.....		1,051,285
Total Issue of Periodicals.....		243,213
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Total Issue in all departments.....		1,294,498

ISSUE BY MONTHS.							
	HOME ISSUE.						
	MAIN LIBRARY	DELIVERY STATIONS	SCHOOLS AND DEPOSITORIES	TOTAL	LIBRARY	PERIODICALS	TOTALS
May.....	35,683	25,781	21,719	83,183	7,340	19,696	110,219
June.....	35,284	27,686	60	63,030	6,134	17,767	86,931
July	32,635	16,738		49,373	6,066	12,602	68,041
August....	34,493	15,667		50,160	6,700	11,895	68,755
September	35,026	16,210	2,186	53,422	5,799	13,101	72,322
October...	38,973	22,545	10,713	72,231	7,204	18,530	97,965
November..	39,764	23,492	18,767	82,023	10,812	23,039	115,874
December..	38,493	22,885	21,709	83,087	11,379	24,542	119,008
January...	42,362	21,788	23,376	87,526	13,067	26,810	127,403
February..	44,149	23,843	25,798	93,790	13,529	25,513	132,832
March	45,992	30,520	34,906	111,418	13,203	26,043	150,664
April.....	39,857	30,292	40,231	110,380	10,429	23,675	144,484
Total	462,711	277,447	199,465	939,623	111,662	243,213	1,294,498
1903	477,045	285,423	140,300	902,768	101,971	232,892	1,237,631
Loss	14,334	7,976					
or Gain			59,165	36,855	9,691	10,321	56,867

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.						
	HOME ISSUE	PER CENT	LIBRARY ISSUE	PER CENT	TOTAL ISSUE OF BOOKS	PER CENT
Philosophy	3,092	.33	1,236	1.10	4,328	.41
Religion.....	4,104	.43	4,408	3.94	8,512	.80
Soc. Science.....	8,516	.90	15,789	14.14	24,305	2.31
Natural "	19,103	2.03	14,539	13.02	33,642	3.20
Art.....	5,087	.55	9,333	8.35	14,420	1.37
Poetry.....	12,666	1.35	3,790	3.39	16,456	1.56
Fiction.....	417,899	44.48	9,627	8.62	427,526	40.66
Coll. of Dup.....	37,306	3.97			37,306	3.54
Juvenile.....	373,044	39.71	2,024	1.81	375,068	35.67
Lit. Misc.....	15,831	1.68	6,130	5.49	21,961	2.09
Travels.....	9,126	.97	5,292	4.73	14,418	1.37
History.....	17,388	1.85	8,489	7.60	25,877	2.46
Biographies	8,283	.88	6,899	6.17	15,182	1.44
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals.....	8,178	.87	24,106	21.58	32,284	3.07
Total.....	939,623	100.00	111,662	100.00	1,051,285	100.00

SUMMARIES.			1902-1903.	1903-1904.
Home issue, regular library			859,835	902,317
Home issue, coll. of duplicates.....			42,933	37,306
			902,768	939,623
Library issue.....			101,971	111,662
Total issue of books.....			1,004,739	1,051,285
Reading-room issue.....			282,892	243,213
Total issue in all departments.....			1,287,631	1,294,498
Gain in 1903-1904 over 1902-'03.....				56,876

LARGEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, SATURDAY,
MARCH 26, 1904.

Main desk.....	1,150
Open shelves.....	1,288
Juvenile.....	885
Delivery stations.....	877

Total home issue.....	4,200
Library issue.....	708
Reading room issue.....	1,005

Total issue in all depart- ments.....	5,913
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LARGEST SUNDAY ISSUE, MARCH 13, 1904.

Library issue.....	205
Reading room issue.....	451

Total	656
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TOTAL SUNDAY ISSUE.

Library issue.....	4,902
Reading room issue.....	16 377

Total.....	21,279
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AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE.

Home issue.....	3,001
Library issue.....	307
Reading room.....	666

Total.....	3,974
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SMALLEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, THURS-
DAY, AUGUST 20, 1903.

Main desk.....	862
Open shelves.....	489
Juvenile	237
Delivery stations.....	519

Total home issue.....	1,607
Library issue.....	266
Reading room issue.....	358

Total issue in all depart- ments.....	2,281
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SMALLEST SUNDAY ISSUE, JULY 22, 1903.

Library issue.....	39
Reading room issue.....	116

Total	195
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AVERAGE SUNDAY ISSUE.

Library issue.....	94
Reading room issue.....	315

Total.....	409
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AVERAGE WEEK DAY ISSUE.

Home issue.....	3,002
Library issue.....	341
Reading room issue.....	724

Total.....	4,067
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HOLIDAY ISSUE, 1903-1904.

	HOME.	LIBRARY.	R. R.	TOTAL.
Decoration Day.....	2,118	290	695	3,103
April 30, 1904.....	1,426	99	392	1,917
Fourth of July.....	212	30	355	597
Labor Day.....	1,193	184	375	1,752
Thanksgiving	505	174	935	1,614
Christmas.....		46	402	448
New Year's Day.....	115	174	790	1,079
Washington's Birthday	2,501	538	973	4,012
Total	8,070	1,535	4,917	14,522
Average.....	1,009	192	615	1,815

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATES ISSUED BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS
MADE FREE

'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04
11,986	15,159	13,476	16,915	15,815	25,984	35,816	41,263	42,933	37,806

TOTAL ISSUE BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04
Home.. ..	331,426	472,718	551,059	647,171	638,339	707,823	740,179	775,507	902,768	939,623
Ref. and Library..	40,628	46,052	51,240	69,070	65,732	69,966	70,606	95,106	101,971	111,662
Reading Room ...	165,359	170,142	184,729	204,259	195,783	201,896	187,812	208,757	232,892	243,213
Total	537,413	688,912	786,028	920,500	959,854	979,685	998,597	1,082,370	1,237,631	1,294,498

REFERENCE.

With open shelves in our Reference Room it is impossible to obtain an accurate count of the books consulted; but the recorded issue of this year was 86,835 volumes, a gain of 4,373 over the last year, which showed a gain of nearly 8,000 over the previous year.

The three assistants in this department have charge of the exchanges and donations, recording and acknowledging them. They also care for some hundred art and scientific periodicals, which find their proper shelves in the Reference Department. Further, they have charge of the pamphlet collection, arranging and cataloguing pamphlets as they come in, and from time to time making up volumes for binding.

The pamphlet continuations, consisting of reports, bulletins or catalogues received from all of the departments of the United States Government, the several states and foreign countries, also from the larger cities, universities, societies and libraries, have this year been re-arranged and the boxes labeled so that the shelves may be easily read.

The index to illustrations has been enlarged considerably. It is the intention to include in this card index any good illustrations, such as flowers, animals, portraits, seals, noted buildings, costumes or reproductions of works of art, particularly when found in places where one would least expect to seek them. Moreover, in cases where an illustration might be supposed to exist in a particular volume, the specific reference to page is a great time-saver. Naturally such an index is an interminable piece of work, but it is done in odd moments; and,

as many of the subjects are required over and over again, the index has already been of great service.

A card index to recitations, the work of odd times for years past, has been largely, but not wholly, superseded by Granger's Index to Poetry and Recitations. Upon receipt of this book, the cards for references given in it were withdrawn; and the cards remaining form a supplement to the printed Index.

The following table gives by months the recorded use of books in the Reference Room:

RECORDED USE OF BOOKS IN REFERENCE ROOM.

	1902-03	1903-04		1902-03	1903-04
May.....	5,678	5,913	November	9,114	8,918
June.....	4,645	4,986	December.....	7,316	8,840
July.....	4,578	4,880	January	9,104	9,785
August	4,866	5,214	February	9,196	10,237
September.....	3,815	4,288	March	9,195	10,291
October.....	6,955	5,481	April	8,000	8,022
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				82,462	86,835

DELIVERY STATIONS.

There were issued through the stations 277,447 books, a decrease of 7,976 compared with last year. Station 14, Pestalozzi and Salina, continues our largest station, with an issue of 16,459. This is followed by No. 30, Leffingwell and Cass, with 12,486; No. 25, Lafayette and California, 9,558; No. 33, Goode and Easton, 9,136; No. 22, Grand and Finney, 9,085. These include all that exceed 9,000 volumes.

There were issued through the Central High School 24,501 books, and through the McKinley High School, 1,581. At the Ames School 5,769 volumes were issued; at the Columbia, 4,893; at the Blair, 2,424; and at the Second Baptist Sunday School, 3,854.

The following changes were made during the year: Station 4, from St. Louis and Newstead Avenues to Jefferson and Hebert St.; Station 25, from Broadway and Keokuk Streets to 2201 Cherokee Street; Station 38, from 12th and Geyer Ave. to 13th and Geyer Ave.; Station 39, from the Westmoreland Hotel Drug Store to Bacon St. and Cass Ave.; Station 48, from 20th and Wright Streets to 5427 Old Manchester Road; and Station 59, from Alice and Grant Streets to Leonard and Washington Avenue.

Station 60, 5901 Maple Ave., was added during the year; and Station 41, at 2631 Gamble St., and Station 46, at Jefferson and Shenandoah Avenues, were changed from bi-weekly to daily stations.

To the Central and McKinley High Schools, and to the Ames, Blair, and Columbia Schools assistants have gone to issue books; to the Cen-

tral, three times a week; to the McKinley and to the grammar schools, twice a week. This has been done to encourage and aid the work, to save the trouble that would arise from errors and to introduce orderly methods. It is hoped that sooner or later the Library will be relieved of this work, which should be done by teachers or older pupils.

JUVENILE.

Of the various functions of a public library there is none of greater, more far-reaching influence than the work done with children. It is a spring-time sowing, which insures a full harvest, a life-long sowing and reaping, a perennial fruitage through life. The best thing that can be done for a child is to implant in him a love of knowledge, a taste for good reading. This is worth more than a college course without it. The best time to impart this taste is before the child is ten years old. The effort should begin in the nursery at two years of age. Only the fortunate few, however, have such influence brought to bear on them until they go to school; and then the most earnest endeavor of the teacher should be exerted to this end. "Open Fairyland!" sums up the injunctions of the most advanced and successful educators. That is what the teachers of St. Louis, with the aid of the Public Library, are doing in yearly increasing measure.

Looking to its ultimate effect on the peace and progress and prosperity of St. Louis, there is nothing more gratifying than the rapid growth of our Young Folks' Department. So long as all departments are growing satisfactorily, I am not sorry to find that the ratio of card-holders under seventeen to their elders is yearly becoming greater, till this year the registered juveniles are not far from half of the total registration, and are drawing nearly 40 per cent of the books that go out from the Library. There is no question about the educational value, both intellectual and moral, of these books. They give pleasure the purest, joy the most unalloyed; and this would be enough. But they do more: they awaken the imagination, enlarge the mental grasp, supply interest and information and incentive and teach the lessons of morality, of justice, benevolence and devotion, as they can be taught in no other way.

The activities of this department manifest themselves through three channels: 1st, the issue of books to children or their parents who come to the Library; 2d, through sets of supplementary reading sent to the schools; 3d, through miscellaneous collections of books sent to the schools to remain as long as wanted, such collections being designated as "depository libraries." In the first way were issued this year 91,365 volumes; through the second agency, 144,818 volumes; and

through the depositories, 54,647 volumes, making a total of 290,830. This does not include all the juvenile books circulated, for others are sent through the delivery stations, last year a sufficient number to bring the total circulation of juvenile books up to 373,041, which was 39.71 per cent of the total home issue.

The first of the following tables shows schools that served as depositories and the work done by each. It will be observed that there was considerable difference in both the number of volumes and the length of time among the schools, leading inevitably to great differences in the total issue in the various schools, ranging from 10,000 to a few hundred volumes. The second table shows the issue month by month, from both the depositories and the sets of supplementary reading. At the close of the year, the supplementary reading on hand amounted to 474 sets containing 14,085 volumes.

The use of books for the school year from September, 1903, to June, 1904, was as follows: Supplementary reading, 154,014 volumes; books drawn from the depositories, 61,891 volumes, making a total of 215,905. The following may be interesting as giving the number of rooms in the various schools, the number of books sent to each school, the number of weeks they were kept, and the issue per week:

REPORT OF DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES, 1903-1904.

	ROOMS	BOOKS	WEEKS KEPT	TOTAL ISSUE	AVERAGE ISSUE PER WEEK
Ashland.....	1	21	10	345	35
Benton.....	4	155	32	892	28
Charless.....	6	185	11	1,446	132
Clinton.....	4	153	36	3,683	102
Columbia.....	7	420	35	9,202	263
Eliot.....	14	494	32	10,130	317
Elleardville.....	1	38	19	564	30
Emerson.....	6	274	33	7,229	219
Fremont.....	5	244	36	7,000	194
Froebel.....	1	300	26	4,511	174
Garfield.....	4	185	19	2,769	145
Gratiot.....	1	80	25	1,590	64
Harrison.....	1	30	12	302	25
Irving.....	8	231	20	2,555	128
Lyon.....	1	122	29	2,585	89
Madison.....	1	41	21	870	41
Shepard.....	10	236	31	3,751	121
Sherman.....	1	25	10	318	32
Walnut Park.....	1	28	14	523	37
Washington.....	4	147	30	1,336	45
Wyman.....	1	30	10	300	30
Total.....	82	3,439		61,891	

 ISSUE REPORT OF SCHOOLS FROM SEPTEMBER, 1903-JUNE, 1904.

Supplementary.....	154,014
Depositories.....	61,891
Total.....	215,905

 ISSUE REPORT OF SCHOOLS FOR THE LIBRARY YEAR, FROM APRIL 30, 1903,
TO MAY 1, 1904.

	SUP.	DEPOS.	TOTAL.
May.....	18,555	3,164	21,719
June		60	60
July.....			
August.....			
September.....	2,655	424	3,079
October.....	6,068	3,752	9 820
November.....	12,835	5,882	18,767
December.....	14,666	7,043	21,709
January.....	16,470	6,906	23,376
February	18,774	7,024	25,798
March.....	23,660	11,246	34,906
April.....	31,085	9,146	40,231
	<hr/> 144,818	<hr/> 54,647	<hr/> 199,465

Supplementary reading on hand, June, 1904: — 474 sets — 14,085 copies.

From the above figures it will be seen that 82 rooms in the public schools were supplied with collections of books that remained there from 10 to 36 weeks, the latter being practically the whole school year, though in some cases the books were changed in the middle of the term.

Sets for supplementary reading were sent to all the public schools that asked for them, i. e., to 67 out of the total of 91; 61 out of 79 white schools and 6 out of 12 colored schools. Sets were sent also to five evening schools (four public and one Jewish), to two Catholic institutions and to the House of Refuge.

The books drawn directly from the room were about the same in number as last year; but there was a large increase in the issue through the schools, 7,674 from the depositories and 51,491 from the supplementary sets. This large gain in the latter item accrued chiefly in the latter part of the year, beginning with January, when the Library Board furnished an additional wagon for this special purpose. Formerly we had had to depend on the very irregular and inadequate service from the wagons of the Board of Education. In other cities I think the expense of transportation is borne by the schools; in one at least that I know of the School Board furnishes also the boxes.

The reading lists of last year and previous years were revised and enlarged and reprinted. One new list on Ancient History was added. There is frequent request for these lists from other libraries and visitors interested in this phase of education. The following new sets were added. The first two books found such favor that the Board of Education ordered them for all the schools.

Grade 1-2.

Dopp.....Tree-dwellers.....3 sets.
Lang.....Snowman.....3 sets.
Smythe.....Reynard the fox.....3 sets.

Grade 2-3.

Dopp.....Early cave men.....1 set.
Parker.....Uncle Robert's geography, v. 1.....4 sets.

Grade 3-4.

Homer.....Achilles and Hector.....2 sets.
Parker.....Uncle Robert's geography, v. 2.....4 sets.
Parker.....Uncle Robert's geography, v. 3.....2 sets.

Grade 5-6.

Forbes.....Elizabeth's charm string.....1 set.
Homer.....Story of Ulysses (Clarke).....1 set.
Kipling.....Jungle book.....1 set.
Longfellow.....Courtship of Miles Standish (drama).....1 set.
Price.. ..Wandering heroes.....2 sets.
Lane.....Strange lands near home.....1 set.
Lane.....Triumphs of science.....1 set.
Northern Europe.....1 set.
Toward the rising sun.....1 set.
Under sunny skies.....1 set.
Wide world.....1 set.

Grade 7-8.

Baldwin.....Discovery of the old Northwest (Gr. 7-1st, 2d, 3d.) 2 sets.
Baldwin.....Conquest of the old Northwest (Gr. 7-4th & Gr. 8) 2 sets.
Pltman.....Stories of old France.....1 set.

The following eleven sets were worn out and nine of them replaced: Baldwin, *Fifty famous stories* and *Old Greek stories*; Books for the bairns; Carroll, *Alice in Wonderland*; Eggleston, *Stories of great*

Americans; Lang, Snowdrop; McMurry, Classic stories, 2 sets; Mulock, Adventures of a brownie; and Mulock, Little lame prince, 2 sets.

Five sets were withdrawn from the supplementary reading collection because of the small demand for them and were put to good use on the regular shelves: Aesop, *Fables*, because furnished to the schools by the Board of Education; *Books for the bairns*, because not in demand; *Greek heroes*, replaced by a more attractive book entitled *Old Greek stories*; O'Shea, *Six nursery classics*, because a more desirable edition of Mother Goose was substituted.

Out of the 54,647 issues from the depository collections 26 books were lost, of which 7 were paid for, leaving a loss of 19 books, which number will probably be slightly reduced by further recovery. And out of the 144,818 books issued from the supplementary sets, 66 books were lost, of which 21 were paid for, leaving a net loss of 45. A very large majority of these are books of small cost, and most of them were well worn. Teachers are held only to a moral responsibility for the return of books sent to their rooms.

With the statistics of her department, which I have summarized, Miss Krug submits the following interesting statement embodying some

TEACHERS' OPINIONS ON THE VALUE OF SUPPLEMENTARY READING.

In the course of the winter one section of the St. Louis Pedagogical Society under Mr. Schuyler's direction took up the study of English from the primary grade through the university. Some very interesting papers were read by Misses Callahan, Hamilton and Krebs, stating fully what literature (in what sequence and manner) had been read in the eight grammar grades. This had a quickening influence throughout the city, and helped to raise the standard of sets called for from our supplementary collections. One of these papers recommended the following

READING COURSE FOR 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH GRADES USED BY MISS KREBS, OF THE COLUMBIA SCHOOL.

1. BLAISDELL. Stories from English history.
2. CLEMENS. Prince and pauper.
3. SCOTT. Kenilworth.
4. LONGFELLOW. Miles Standish.
5. ——— Evangeline.
6. COOPER. Last of the Mohicans, or Deerslayer.
7. ——— Spy.
8. FISKE. War of Independence.
9. SCUDDER. George Washington.

10. ANDREWS. Ten boys (Saxon and Roman).
11. CLARKE. Story of Caesar.
12. SHAKESPEARE. Julius Caesar.
13. PITMAN. Stories of old France.
14. MARTINEAU. Peasant and prince.
15. SCOTT. Ivanhoe.
16. ——— Tulliaman.
17. SHAKESPEARE. Merchant of Venice.
18. FROISSART. Chronicles.

The papers led to an animated discussion which brought forth the following remarks from principals of grammar schools.

Principal A. 'I put the supplementary books to four different uses. The children read them in class, use them as busy work, read in them at odd times and take them home.

'We do not like short stories. We want a book containing one continuous story, even for the youngest readers.'

I asked him about the *Arabella* and *Araminta*, *Roggie* and *Reggie* books. He said: 'The little folks are charmed with them, taking the same delight in them as in the *Mother Goose* books; but we must have the older child to read to the younger one, as the words are too difficult for the beginner. I like to recommend them to parents to buy for the home.'

Principal B. 'Although the *Aesop* fables are good, they must be read in small doses, that is, only a few at a time.' (I have inferred from this that the School Board had better furnish this book, and they do.)

Principal C. '*Of all the extraneous things put into the schools in late years, I think supplementary reading far outstrips all the others in usefulness. I am not opposed to school gardens, for instance, yet I think they take up more attention and time than the results justify. I have always found that a few of the children do all the work, and these are usually the ones that naturally incline to that kind of thing. In supplementary reading, on the other hand, the whole class takes part, and all bend their efforts to the same goal; indeed, each individual's thought enriches the whole.*'

Principal D. 'Up to this time I have not been able to read much Shakespeare in my eighth grade, but we have been using your supplementary reading sets so industriously in all grades for the last two years, and I notice such an improvement in the reading and the general intelligence of my pupils, that I know we can read four Shakespearean plays next year.' (This from the central district, among the poorer class.)

I often question the principals and teachers as to their opinion on the grading of our supplementary reading sets. As a general thing they express themselves well satisfied. One principal suggested that we place Thackeray's *Rose and the Ring* in a higher grade, stating that it was especially interesting in giving an idea of Thackeray's style, and this could not be appreciated by young children. This principal took the pains to send in a full type-written report, by his teachers, on the use of the sets.

MONTHLY BULLETIN.

The publication of a Library Bulletin which it was thought best to discontinue as a 32-page magazine in 1898, on the score of expense, was resumed in 1903. The new issue took the less costly form of a 16-page pamphlet, published monthly, and confined almost entirely to an annotated list of the new books added each month, and special reading lists on various subjects which may be considered of general interest or of timely importance. A brief statement of the rules and regulations of the Library that apply to card holders appears regularly on the front cover, and a list of the delivery stations of the Library on the last.

While very simple and inexpensive in form, the Bulletin has supplied an existing need of readers. Its appreciation by librarians is shown by the constant requests for it which reach us, and by paid orders for a number of copies of any issue which may have a special interest.

The editing and the bulk of the work on the Bulletin are the special charge of Miss Tutt.

Among the lists published in 1903-04 of especial interest were:

1. Books on the Louisiana Territory to 1821, published at the time of the dedication of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.
2. Books on domestic science.
3. Reading list on Indians.
4. Books on manual training.
5. Japan and Russia, published in February, 1904.
6. Trusts.
7. The city and its problems.

NEED OF NEW QUARTERS.

The additions of the year have made more pressing the necessity for a larger space for shelving books and for the accommodation of the staff and the public. A crowded condition everywhere prevails not-

withstanding the continued storing of books outside the building. The erection of a branch will be the best and quickest way of securing relief.

STAFF.

The work of the year was made more difficult by numerous changes in the personnel of the staff. During the year one senior clerk, one junior clerk, four apprentices and seventeen messengers withdrew or were dismissed from the service. Most of the latter had been in the Library but a short time and were of little or no value. Others, however, were well trained, and their loss was felt throughout all the departments. Of the four apprentices, two left to take higher positions in other libraries. We lost, also, one trained cataloguer, Miss Clara R. Dean, who left on the first of September, to be married. The list given on page 4 omits the names of those who served as apprentices or messengers for only a few weeks or months. Of the spirit and efficiency of the permanent staff I can speak only in terms of high commendation.

SUPPLEMENTARY.

The late date of the preparation of this report makes it possible and desirable to present a summary of the most important events of the period from May to January.

It is gratifying to record that the Board has been able to do more than meet its notes on the 17th, 18th, Olive and Locust St. block. When the balance of the original loan, \$175,000, was refunded in April, 1904, the rate of interest was reduced, and the Board agreed to pay \$40,000 on June 1st, \$40,000 on October 1st, and \$40,000 on January 15, 1905. This would have left a balance still due of \$55,000. But the Board was able and, by the courtesy of the St. Louis Union Trust Company, was allowed to pay \$60,000 instead of \$40,000 on the second installment, reducing the debt to \$75,000. This amount will be paid on the 15th of January, leaving the Board entirely free from debt.

The last rent received for the Exposition was in September, \$7,000 for the quarter ending with the month of November. On December 1 the Exposition building and the power house passed into the possession of the St. Louis Union Trust Company, as stipulated in the original agreement, when the company advanced the money for the purchase of the property together with all the rights and franchises of the Exposition Company. It is generally known to the public, through the city

press, that the bulk of this money — nearly a quarter of a million dollars — was a gift from the individual directors of the St. Louis Union Trust Company.

MODEL LIBRARY AT THE LOUISIANA PURCHASE EXPOSITION.

In my last annual report I spoke of a project in contemplation for exhibiting a "Model Public Library" at the World's Fair. At that time the original hope of securing a separate building had about vanished, and the problem was to obtain some \$8,000 needed to fit up a space 70'x30' in the Education Building, to represent a one-room library, with a collection of six to ten thousand volumes.

The chance of getting this money seemed very slender; and we were glad to accept the kind offer of the Missouri Commission to give the use of one of the halls in the Missouri Building, with an appropriation of \$3,500 for furniture, freight and cartage and incidentals. The Library Bureau (of Boston, Chicago and St. Louis) had already offered to fit up the room with shelving, card cabinets, counter, desks, tables, chairs, etc. The room was 75'x35', lofty and well lighted; the furniture and fittings were of the handsomest appearance and most substantial material and make.

If, however, this was to be a "Model Library," the books in it must be distributed over the realm of knowledge in judicious proportions and must be the very best in each department. A plan to secure such a collection of "best books" was already on foot in charge of a committee of the American Library Association, with Melvil Dewey, State Librarian of New York, at its head. This Committee appointed sub-committees on the various departments of science and literature, and enlisted the co-operation of nearly three hundred librarians and university professors in all parts of the country. The returns from these collaborators were collated and edited by Mr. Dewey and Miss Seymour of his staff and finally revised by Mrs. H. L. Elmendorf, special bibliographer of the Buffalo Public Library.

Dr. Herbert Putnam, the head of the Library of Congress, at considerable sacrifice of his own immediate interests, undertook to print the catalogue.

The various publishers promptly and cheerfully, and with great generosity, supplied the bulk of the books, including a large number of costly publications such as the Century Dictionary; the International Cyclopaedia; Warner's Library of the World's Best Literature; Shakespeare, new variorum edition by Furness; Encyclopaedia Americana; Universal Encyclopaedia and Atlas; Chambers' Encyclopaedia; Grove,

Dictionary of Music; Champlin, Cyclopaedia of painters; Johnston, Handy royal atlas of geography; Sturgis, Dictionary of agriculture. These numerous gifts, aggregating over 5,000 volumes, belong to the record of the current year and will be fully listed in the next annual report. In addition to this "model" or "A. L. A." collection, some 2,500 popular books were sent out from the Library, and the whole collection included, further, some 1,600 volumes of works by Missouri authors supplied chiefly by the Historical Society of Missouri at Columbia and the St. Louis Public Library.

The task remained to collect the books, classify, enter them in the accession ledger, arrange them on the shelves with pockets and cards, ready for issue; further, to supply competent librarians to show and explain the exhibit to visitors, to register readers and issue books — in short, to make of this exhibit a public library in actual operation. This part of the co-operative effort naturally fell to the St. Louis Public Library, which gladly undertook the work and carried it on with faithfulness and enthusiasm till it was brought to a slightly premature close by the fire.

It was not to be expected that people with the whole world, its inhabitants, its industries and its arts, spread before them like an open book, would find much time to spend in reading printed books; yet in the height of the season, with all the charms of landscape, architecture, sculpture, music, processions, drills, spectacles and innumerable amusements, there was nevertheless an issue of thirty to forty volumes a day. These were drawn chiefly by persons resident on the ground. Jefferson Guards and other young employees took advantage of the library to pursue various courses of study. The main purpose of the exhibit, however, was to show to persons interested what might be considered, with unavoidable limitations, a Model Public Library, performing its every-day functions; and many visitors derived from it both pleasure and profit, both information and incentive.

The contributors to this successful co-operative effort were:

1. The American Library Association, which, through its World's Fair and other committees, compiled the A. L. A. Catalogue.
2. The Library of Congress, which published the Catalogue.
3. The Missouri Commission, which made the Exhibit possible by furnishing the room.
4. The Library Bureau, which supplied the furniture and fittings.
5. The St. Louis Public Library, which collected and prepared the books and the card catalogue for the use of the Public, and maintained and conducted the Model Library as a branch.

Each and all the collaborators have reason to feel satisfied and pleased with the results of their efforts.

The American Library Association may congratulate itself on having secured the best exhibit of library activities it has ever had and on having in the Catalogue the best guide and help to the small libraries of the country that can be furnished. To this may be added the grand prize awarded to the exhibit.

The Library of Congress has the credit of publishing the Catalogue, which otherwise would not have been compiled.

The Missouri Commission thereby added a grand prize and a gold medal to the awards for exhibits in the Missouri Building.

The Library Bureau will receive its reward in the extensive advertisement of its fine furniture and technical equipment.

And the St. Louis Public Library, besides the satisfaction of helping the general cause of the public libraries in the country, has to show a gold medal and a collection of 5,200 volumes of choice books.

As I have said, the library exhibit was brought to a premature close on the evening of Saturday, November 19th. To members of the staff who saw the flames shoot through the gilded dome and light up the figure of the "Winged Victory" till it appeared to soar in an atmosphere of fire, there seemed no hope of salvation for the "Model Library," on which they had labored with such pleasure and pride. Fortunately, it was not quite the hour for closing; and from the neighboring buildings men hurried to the rescue. Nearly all the furniture of the library room was carried out except the stack and the counter and all the books but some 475, which were found next day practically ruined by water.

The shine and freshness is gone from the whole collection, in consequence of the five handlings they received in being hurriedly carried out of the burning building and deposited on the lawn, removed from there to the protection of tarpaulins, from there next morning (Sunday) to the Ohio building, and thence to our store house down town, where they were sorted and arranged in four lots, according to the amount of damage, for the inspection of the insurance adjusters. Destruction and damage and dirt were fairly paid for by the sum of \$2,500 received from the insurance companies; yet it would have been more satisfactory to have opened our first branch with these books in all but their pristine gloss and glory.

In the hope that my next report will record the initial steps towards the erection of the new central building and one or more branches, I have the honor to be

Respectfully and faithfully,

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

Librarian.

Jan. 13, 1905.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edward L. Preetorius, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1904, on account of city appropriation and other sources, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) EDW. L. PRETORIUS,
Chairman Auditing Committee,
Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12th day of November, nineteen hundred and four.

(Seal.)

(Signed) H. A. BERKEMEYER,
Notary Public.

My term expires June 13, 1906.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before the undersigned, a notary public, within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) F. M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 12th day of November, nineteen hundred and four.

(Seal.)

(Signed) H. A. BERKEMEYER,
Notary Public.

My term expires June 13, 1906.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS.

MAY 1, 1903 — APRIL 30, 1904.

3,144 volumes and 7,288 pamphlets were received from 1,019 sources, as follows:

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Aberdeen. Public Library.....	....	1	Anderson Dr. Willis S. <i>Detroit</i> .....	....	2
Academy of Natural Sciences.			Andover Theological Seminary..	....	1
<i>Philadelphia</i>.....	....	1	Anonymous.....	97	42
Academy of Science of St. Louis.	14		Arlington Street Church. <i>Boston</i>.....	....	15
Adamic Publishing Co. <i>St. Louis</i>	1		Armour Institute of Technology.		
Adams, G. <i>St. Louis</i>	4	....	<i>Chicago</i>.....	....	14
Adams Nervine Asylum. <i>Boston</i> .....	....	1	Art League of St. Louis.....	1	....
Adriance Memorial Library.			Associated Charities of Boston. ....	....	1
<i>Poughkeepsie</i>.....	....	1	Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe		
Advance, The. <i>Chicago</i>.....	....	1	R. R. Co	1	1
Aeronautical World. <i>Glennville,</i>			Atlanta. Board of Education... ..	....	1
<i>Ohio</i> .....	....	1	— Carnegie Library.....	....	7
Agullar Free Library Society.			Atlanta University.....	....	1
<i>N. Y.</i> .....	....	1	Avery, Mrs. E. L. <i>St. Louis</i>	2	....
Alabama. Agric. Exp. Sta.....	....	5	Ayr. Carnegie Public Library.		
— Geol. Survey.....	....	1	<i>Ayrshire, Scotland</i>.....	....	1
Albany. Bd. of Education.....	....	2	Bain, Robert E. M. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	....
Alkahest Co. <i>Atlanta</i> .....	....	2	Balch, Edwin Swift. <i>Philadel-</i>		
Allegheny. Carnegie Free Li-			<i>phia</i>	1	....
brary.....	....	1	Baltimore. Chamber of Com-		
American Association for the Ad-			merce.....	1	....
vancement of Science.....	1	....	Bangor, Me. Public Library....	....	1
American Banker's Association.	2	....	Bangor and Aroostook R. R.....	1	1
American Board of Commission-			Bar Association of St. Louis.....	....	1
ers for Foreign Missions... ..	....	31	Barbour, Miss H. M. <i>St. Louis</i> ..	....	2
American Book Co	45	1	Barnes Medical College. <i>St.</i>		
American Colonization Society..	....	2	<i>Louis</i> .....	....	1
American Congregational Asso-			Bartholdt, Hon. Richard. <i>Wash-</i>		
ciation. <i>Boston</i>	1	1	<i>ington, D. C.</i>	4	1
American Co-operator.....	....	44	Bates, Wm. H. <i>Clifton Springs,</i>		
American Dermatological Asso-			<i>N. Y.</i>	1	....
ciation.....	....	2	Bayer (F.) & Co. <i>N. Y.</i>.....	....	1
American Electro-Therapeutic			Belgium. Ministère de l'Agri-		
Association.....	....	1	culture.....	1	12
American Express Co.....	....	4	— Ministère de l'Interieur et		
American Humane Education			de l'Instruction Publique..	3	1
Society	1	1	— Ministère des Finances et		
American Institute of Architects	....	6	des Travaux Publics.....	1	....
American Institute of Electrical			Bemis, Edward W. <i>Cleveland, O.</i>	....	1
Engineers	2	5	Bennett College of Eclectic Med-		
American Institute of Homeop-			icines and Surgery. <i>Chicago</i> .....	....	2
athy.....	1	....	Benson, P. R. <i>Anoka, Minn.</i>	1	....
American Institute of Sacred			Berkshire Athenaeum and Mu-		
Literature.....	....	2	seum. <i>Pittsfield, Mass.</i>.....	....	1
American Library Association..	....	2	Berlin. Statistisches Amt.....	1	3
American Numismatic and Ar-			Beverly, Mass. Public Library..	....	1
chaeological Society.....	....	1	Bibliotheca Sacra. <i>Oberlin, O.</i> ..	....	1
American Railroad Engineering			Biddle, S. M. <i>Monmouth, Ill.</i>	1	....
and Maintenance of Way			Bigelow, Mrs. V. A. <i>St. Louis</i>....	....	16
Association	4	11	Billings, H. B. <i>Ontario, Canada.</i>	....	1
American Society for the Exten-			Birmingham, England. Free Li-		
sion of Univ. Teaching....	....	1	braries Committee.....	....	1
American Society of Civil En-			Bixby, W. K. <i>St. Louis</i>	3	1
gineers	1	1	Blair, James L. <i>St. Louis</i> .....	....	5
American Street Railway Asso-			Blewett, Ben. <i>St. Louis</i>	2	....
ciation .....	....	1	Boll Weevil Convention. <i>Baton</i>		
American Unitarian Association.	....	1	<i>Rouge, La.</i>.....	....	1
Amherst College. ....	....	1	Boston. Auditor	1	....
Ancient and Honorable Artillery			— Board of Prison Commis-		
Co. of Mass	1	1	sioners.....	1	....

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Boston. Chamber of Commerce	1	Canada. Geological Survey.....	2	15
— Children's Institutions Department	1	— Inland Revenue Laboratory.	10
— Commissioner of Savings Banks.....	1	— Interior Department.....	5
— Health Department.....	16	— Minister of Finance.....	12
— Museum of Fine Arts.....	7	— Minister of Public Works... ..	1
— Normal School.....	1	— Post Office Department.....	2	3
— Park Department.....	1	— Public Lands Department..	1
— Public Library..	15	— Superintendent of Immigration	1
— Registry Department.....	3	Canadian Manufacturer's Association	1
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National Sound Money League. <i>New York City</i>	1	— State Hospital for the Care of Crippled and Deformed Children.....	3
Natural Science Association of Staten Island.....	10	New York Mercantile Library.	4
Nebraska. Agricultural Exp. Sta.....	3	New York School of Applied Design for Women. <i>New York City</i>	2
— Public Library Commission.....	3	New York Society Library. <i>New York City</i>	1
— State Department of Public Instruction.....	3	New York State Bar Association.	1
			New York University.....	1	8
			New York University Club.....	1
			New York Woman's Hospital. <i>New York City</i>	1
			New Zealand. Registrar General's Office.....	4
			Newark, N. J. Board of Education.....	1
			— City Officers.....	1
			— Free Public Library.....	11
			Newberry Library. <i>Chicago</i>	1
			Newburgh, N. Y. Board of Education.....	1
			Newcastle upon Tyne, <i>Eng.</i> Central Public Libraries..	1
			Newfoundland. Colonial Secretary's Office.....	3

	Vols.	Ppfs.		Vols.	Ppfs.
Newton, Mass. Free Library...	1		Philadelphia. Board of Trade...	1	
Niagara Falls. Public Library...	1		— Bureau of Water.....	1	
Nipher, Francis E. St. Louis...	2		— City Institute.....	1	
Noble, John W. St. Louis.....	19		— College of Pharmacy.....	3	
Noonday Club. St. Louis.....	1		— Comptroller.....	1	
Nordiskt Medicinskt Arkiv.			— Free Library.....	1	
Stockholm.....	1		— Mayor's Office.....	3	
North Carolina. Agric. Exp. Sta.	9		— Shakespere Society.....	1	
— Corporation Commission...	1		— Zoological Society.....	1	
— Geological Survey.....	13		Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation Association.....	1	
— State Board of Agriculture...	12		Philippine Civil Service Board...	3	
North Dakota. Agric. Exp. Sta.	5		Philippine Islands. Auditor....	1	
— State Examiner.....	1		Phillips, S. L. Washington.....	1	
Northhampton Insane Hospital...	1		Philosophical Society of Washington.....	1	
Northwestern University. Chicago.....	3		Pierce (S. S.) & Co. Boston.....	1	
— Medical School.....	6		Pilgrim Congregational Church.		
Norway. Bureau Central de Statistique.....	6		St. Louis.....	6	
Notre Dame University.....	2		Pillsbury, Albert E. Boston.....	1	
Oberlin College. Library.....	3		Pittsburgh. Chamber of Commerce.....	1	
O'Brien, W. H. St. Louis.....	1		— Carnegie Institute.....	1	
Odeon. St. Louis.....	2		— Carnegie Library.....	17	
Oehlert, D. P. Laval, France.....	1		Plainfield, N. J. Public Library...	1	
Ohio. Agric. Exp. Sta.....	11		Plant Seed Co. St. Louis.....	2	
— Auditor.....	1		Plato. St. Louis.....	21	
— Board of State Charities...	1	4	Powers, Hon. Sam'l L. Washington.....	1	
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— Dairy and Food Commission...	4		Price, Nettie A. St. Louis.....	1	
— Department of Inspection...	1		Princeton University.....	2	
— Labor Statistics Bureau...	2		Progressive Thinker. Chicago...	81	
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Oklahoma. Agric. Exp. Sta.....	3		Providence Athenaeum.....	2	
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Oklahoma Law Journal. Stillwater, O.....	2		Purdue University. LaFayette, Ind.....	8	
Olympic Theatre. St. Louis.....	80		Pynchon, Dr. Edwin. Chicago...	10	
Omaha. Public Library.....	1		Quincy. Public Library.....	2	
Ontario. Bureau of Industries...	1		Railway Signaling Club. New York City.....	3	
— Bureau of Mines.....	4	26	Rainwater, Mrs. C. C. St. Louis...	5	
— Department of Agriculture...	6		Rand, Edward A. Watertown, Mass.....	1	
— Inspector of Prisons and Public Charities.....	3		Rand, McNally & Co. Chicago...	2	
Oregon. Agric. Exp. Sta.....	1		Redwood Library and Athenaeum. Newport, R. I.....	1	
Osterhout Free Library. Wilkes-Barre, Penn.....	12		Renz, J. E. St. Louis.....	7	20
Otis Library and the Peck Library. Norwich, Conn.....	9		Reynolds Library. Rochester, N. Y.....	1	
Out West Publishing Co. Los Angeles.....	1		Rhode Island. Agric. Exp. Sta...	10	
Owen, Miss Ethel. St. Louis...	1	2	— Board of Education.....	1	
Pacific Coast Miner. San Francisco.....	1		— Board of State Charities and Corrections.....	1	
Page, Elliot B. New York City...	6		— Railroad Commissioner.....	1	
Parker-Russell Mining and Manufacturing Co.....	2		Rhodes, Charles Ward. St. Louis...	1	
Parsons, Chas. St. Louis.....	1		Richards, Lysander Salmon. Marshfield Hills, Mass.....	1	
Pasadena. Public Library.....	10		Rochdale, Eng. Public Library, Art Gallery and Museum...	1	
Paterson. Free Public Library...	3		Rochester. Academy of Science...	6	
Patton and Miller. Chicago.....	1		Roebbing, Col Washington A. Trenton, N. J.....	1	
Peabody Institute. Baltimore...	1		Rogers, Mrs. Fairman. Philadelphia.....	1	
Pearson (J.) & Co. London.....	1		Rose, Jas. A. Springfield, Ill...	1	
Pennsylvania. Auditor General's Office.....	2		Rosengarten, J. G. Philadelphia...	2	
— Department of Agriculture...	28		Ross, Albert Randolph. New York City.....	58	
— Free Library Commission...	2		Round Table. St. Louis.....	1	
— Library Association.....	1		Ruskin College. Glen Ellyn, Ill...	5	
— State Board of Health.....	3		St. Bride Foundation Institution. London, E. C.....	6	
— State College. Agric. Exp. Sta.	1	3	St. George's Church. New York City.....	1	
— State Library.....	27		St. Ignatius College. Chicago...	1	
Pennsylvania Bar Association...	1		St. Joseph, Mo. Free Public Library.....	2	
Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery.....	1		St. Louis, Auditor's Office.....	1	
Pennsylvania Society. New York City.....	1		— Board of Education.....	4	
Peoria. Public Library.....	6				
Peru. Department of Public Works.....	6				
Peterson, Cyrus A. St. Louis...	130				
Philadelphia. Board of Public Education.....	1				

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St. Louis. City Council.....	1	Texas. Commission of Agriculture, Insurance, Statistics and History.....	4
— Comptroller.....	1	....	— Comptroller's Office.....	2	....
— Health Department.....	13	....	— Secretary of State.....	3	....
— Insane Asylum.....	1	....	— State Department of Education.....	5	....
— Mercantile Trust Co.....	1	....	Texas & Pacific R. R.....	2	....
— Merchants' Exchange.....	1	....	Thayer, Hon. Amos M. <i>St. Louis</i>	22	....
— Mercantile Library Association.....	2	....	Thurston, H. F. <i>Winnetka, Ill.</i>	1	....
— Metal Trades Association.....	1	....	Toronto. Public Library.....	1	....
— Registry Department.....	1	....	Tower Grove Park. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	6
St. Louis News Co.....	7	1	Treat (F. B.) & Co. <i>New York City</i>	1	....
St. Louis Post Dispatch.....	1	....	Trenton Iron Co. <i>N. J.</i>	1	....
St. Louis Railway Club.....	7	....	Trinity College. <i>Hartford, Conn.</i>	1	....
St. Louis Training School for Nurses.....	4	....	Tutt, Miss H. <i>Kirkwood, Mo.</i>	9	....
St. Louis University.....	1	....	Tuttle, Francis D. <i>Fitchburg, Mass.</i>	4	....
St. Paul. Public Library.....	2	....	United Presbyterian Churches of St. Louis.....	3	....
Salem. Public Library.....	12	....	U. S. Animal Industry Bureau.....	1	....
San Francisco. Board of Supervisors.....	1	....	— Bureau of American Republics.....	13	....
— Board of Trade.....	1	....	— Bureau of Chemistry.....	2	....
— Public Library.....	14	....	— Bureau of Education.....	2	3
Sayles, Fred. Clark. <i>Pantucket, R. I.</i>	1	....	— Bureau of Immigration.....	1	....
Schweinitz, Dr. G. E. de. <i>Philadelphia</i>	1	....	— Bureau of Insular Affairs.....	2	94
Scranton, Penn. Public Library.....	5	....	— Bureau of Labor.....	1	11
Sedalia, Ill. Public Library.....	1	....	— Bureau of Rolls and Library.....	5	3
Sheehan, Miss Josie. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	....	— Census Office.....	1	10
Silas Bronson Library. <i>Waterbury, Conn.</i>	13	....	— Civil Service Comm.....	2	....
Silk Association of America. <i>New York City</i>	2	....	— Coast and Geodetic Survey.....	2	....
Silver, Burdett & Co. <i>Chicago</i>	1	....	— Commerce and Labor Dept.....	9	....
Simmons College. <i>Boston</i>	1	....	— Bureau of Statistics.....	7	12
Single Tax Information Bureau.....	6	....	— Comptroller of the Currency.....	1	....
Smith, Holmes. <i>St. Louis</i>	32	....	— Dept. of Agriculture.....	5	48
Smith Academy. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	....	— Division of Botany.....	1	....
Smith & Wilkins. <i>New York City</i>	1	....	— Division of Publications.....	4	....
Smithsonian Institution.....	15	36	— Division of Soils.....	4	....
Société des Etudes Historique. <i>Quebec</i>	3	....	— Library. Catalogue Cards.....	6	48
Society for the Promulgation of Faith. <i>Baltimore, Md.</i>	1	....	— Dept. of the Interior.....	1	....
Society of Colonial Wars. <i>Missouri</i>	1	....	— District of Columbia. Electrical Dept.....	293	302
Society of the Army of the Potomac. <i>Brooklyn</i>	1	....	— Documents Office.....	1	19
Soldan, F. Louis. <i>St. Louis</i>	21	....	— Forestry Bureau.....	183	....
Soniat, Chas. T. <i>New Orleans</i>	1	....	— Geological Survey.....	1	....
Sons of the Revolution. <i>Missouri Society</i>	1	....	— House of Representatives.....	2	....
Sotheby, Wilkinson & Hoge. <i>London</i>	1	....	— Interstate Commerce Comm'n.....	5	13
South Carolina. Agric. Exp. Sta.....	4	....	— Library of Congress.....	5	....
South Carolina Bar Association.....	1	....	— Military Information Division.....	3	....
South Dakota. Agric. Exp. Sta.....	4	....	— Mint Bureau.....	2	....
— Department of Insurance.....	1	....	— Mississippi River Commn.....	1	2
Southwest Publishing Co.....	1	....	— Naval Observatory.....	2	....
Speck, Miss C. <i>St. Louis</i>	2	....	— Navigation Bureau.....	1	....
Speck, Mrs. Laura. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	....	— Navy Dept.....	1	....
Sprague, H. B. <i>Newton, Mass.</i>	1	....	— Bureau of Construction and Repair.....	1	....
Springfield, Mass. City Library.....	27	....	— Patent Office.....	2	....
Springfield, Ohio. Warder Public Library.....	5	....	— Plant Industry Bureau.....	4	....
Standard Theatre. <i>St. Louis</i>	82	....	— Public Health and Marine Hospital Service.....	4	69
Stechert, G. E. <i>New York City</i>	2	....	— Public Road Inquiries Office.....	3	....
Stevens (B. F.) & Brown.....	6	....	— State Dept.....	94	....
Stevens, Mrs. G. L. <i>St. Louis</i>	10	....	— Treasury Dept.....	4	6
Stevens Institute of Technology. <i>Hoboken, N. J.</i>	1	....	— Bureau of Statistics.....	2	....
Straight Edge Press. <i>New York City</i>	1	....	— War Dept.....	4	6
Syracuse. Public Library.....	1	....	— Library.....	2	....
Syracuse University.....	2	....	— Weather Bureau.....	2	334
Tact. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	....	United Typothetae of America. <i>St. Louis</i>	3	....
Tatlow, R. H. <i>Holden, Mo.</i>	1	....	Universal Pneumatic Transmission Co. <i>Chicago</i>	1	....
Taunton, Mass. Public Library.....	1	....	University Library. <i>St. Andrews, Scotland</i>	13	....
Taylor, W. B. A. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	40	University of Arizona. <i>Tucson</i>	1
Texas. Academy of Science.....	2	— Agric. Exp. Sta.....	6
— Agric. Exp. Stat.....	5			

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University of California. Agric			Wednesday Club of St. Louis....	5	
Exp. Sta.	4		Welchardt, A. J. <i>St. Louis</i>	2	
University of Chicago	5		Welcker, Adair. <i>San Francisco,</i>		
University of Colorado.	6		<i>Cal...</i>	2	
University of Idaho	1		Wellcome Physiological Re-		
— Agric Exp. Sta.	9		search Laboratories. <i>Lon-</i>		
University of Illinois. <i>Cham-</i>			<i>don</i>	1	
<i>paign</i>	2		Wellesley College	1	
— Agric. Exp. Sta	1	12	Wells College.....	3	
University of Iowa.	4		Welsh, Clinton A. <i>St. Louis</i>	86	
University of Michigan	4		Welsh, Herbert. <i>Philadelphia...</i>	2	
University of Minnesota. Agric.			Werner, N. J. <i>St. Louis</i>	616	877
Exp. Sta	2		Wertheimer-Swarts Shoe Co. <i>St.</i>		
University of Missouri. Agric.			<i>Louis</i>	1	
Exp. Sta.	1	12	Wesleyan University. <i>Middle-</i>		
University of Nebraska. Agric.			<i>town, Conn</i>	3	
Exp. Sta.	11		West (James H.) & Co. <i>Boston..</i>	3	
— Library	2		West Virginia. Agric. Exp.		
University of New York.....	50	13	<i>Sta.</i>	3	
University of North Carolina ...	1		West Virginia University.....	1	
University of Pennsylvania.....	2	1	Western Empire. <i>Los Angeles,</i>		
University of St. Andrews. Li-			<i>Cal.</i>	1	
brary.....	2		Western Reserve University.		
University of Tennessee.....	7		<i>Cleveland, Ohio</i>	1	
University of Vermont. Agric			Westminster. Public Libraries		
Exp. Sta.	1	9	Committee. <i>London.</i>	1	
— Library.	1		Wettengel, C. W. <i>St. Louis</i>	10	13
University of Virginia.	12		Wheeler, Everett P. <i>New York</i>		
University of Wisconsin.....	1	1	<i>City.</i>	1	
University of Wyoming. Agric.			Williams (Jno.) Bronze Foundry		
Exp. Sta.	9		and Works. <i>New York</i>		
Uruguay.....	1		<i>City.</i>	1	
Vacation Playground Associa-			Willmon, J. O. <i>Los Angeles</i>	1	
tion. <i>St. Louis.</i>	2		Wilmington, Del. Board of Park		
Vallardi, Francesco. <i>Milan, Italy</i>	1		Commissioners.	1	5
Vassar College.	1		Wilmington Institute. Free Li-		
Vermont. Board of Agriculture.	4		brary.....	12	
— Free Public Library Com-			Wisconsin. Commissioners of		
mission.....	1		Fisheries	1	
— Geologist.....	1		— Dairy and Food Commis-		
— Insurance Commission.....	3		sioner.....	1	
— R. R. Commissioners	1		— Free Library Commission... ..	8	
— Superintendent of Educa-			— State Board of Health.	1	
tion.....	1		— State Historical Society.....	7	16
Victoria, Australia Minister of			Woburn. Public Library.....	1	
Public Instruction	1		Wolverhampton, Eng. Free Li-		
— Public Library	1	1	brary Committee.. ..	1	
Victoria University and Univer-			Woman's Industrial Council.		
sity of Toronto.....	1	1	<i>London</i>	7	
Virginia State Bar Association .	1		Woman's Presbyterian Board of		
Von Schrenk, Herman. <i>St. Louis</i>	1		Foreign Missions. <i>St.</i>		
Wabash College. <i>Crawfordsville,</i>			<i>Louis</i>	2	
<i>Ind.</i>	1		Women's Foreign Missionary		
Wabash Railroad Co	5		Societies of the Presbyte-		
Waltham, Mass. Public Library	6		rian Church. <i>New York</i> ...	11	
Ward (John) & Son. <i>St. Louis.</i>	1		Woodruff, Clinton Rogers.....	2	
Ware, Wm. R. <i>Boston</i>	2		Worcester. Insane Hospital....	1	
Warner, Geo. E. <i>Minneapolis,</i>			— Public Library.....	23	
<i>Minn</i>	1		Worcester County. Law Li-		
Warren County Library Bulletin.	2		brary	1	
Washington. Carnegie Institute.	1	3	Worcester Polytechnic Institute.	1	
Washington and Lee University.			World's Advance-Thought. <i>Port-</i>		
<i>Lexington, Va.</i>	2		<i>land, Oregon</i>	2	
Washington County. Free Li-			Xavier Free Publication Society		
brary. <i>Hagerstown, Md</i> ...	5		for the Blind	14	
Washington University	2		Yale University.	3	
— Medical Department.....	1		— Library	1	
Washington University Alumni			Young Men's Christian Associa-		
Association	1		tions of N. A	2	
Washington University Associa-			Young Men's Hebrew Associa-		
tion	3		tion	1	1
Watertown, Mass. Public Li-			Young Women's Christian Asso-		
brary.....	1		ciation of the City of New		
Webster Free Library. <i>New York</i>			<i>York.</i>	1	
<i>City</i>	1				

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ST. LOUIS, MO., April 16, 1906.

Hon. Rolla Wells,
Mayor of the City of St. Louis.

DEAR SIR:

I have the honor to submit herewith the report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, made by the librarian, Mr. Frederick M. Crunden and showing the business and operations of the Library for the year ending April 30th, 1905.

Very respectfully,

F. W. LEHMANN,
President.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the Honorable Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public Library:—

I have the honor to submit herewith my twelfth annual report covering the eleventh year of the active operation of this institution as a free library and showing its growth and activities for the year ending April 30, 1905. A detailed statement of receipts and expenditures will be found in the subjoined tables.

The more important facts and figures shown therein are as follows:—

The income from the city tax of two-fifths of a mill amounted to \$178,998.64, an increase of \$5,934.01 over the previous year. The desk receipts from fines, issue of extra books, etc., reached an aggregate of \$6,037.49, a decrease of \$291.97 from the total of the previous year.

The rental of Block 510 and the house in Block 511 was \$16,893.86, an increase of \$1,476.03.

Contributors to the fund for the purchase of the Exposition site paid \$58,250 in May and \$1,035.91 in October. As a dividend on its subscription from the sale of the power house, the Library received \$17,155. The last two quarters' rent from the Exposition building was paid in this year, amounting to \$14,000. When on Dec. 1, the building passed into the hands of the St. Louis Union Trust Co., the Library received rebates on insurance policies aggregating \$1,654.30. Insurance on books destroyed and injured by the fire in the Missouri Building at the World's Fair was promptly paid, amounting to \$2,501.98.

The final payment on City Block 510 was made in January of this year — principal notes \$175,000, interest, \$4,729.85. On this property during the year was expended \$1,842.12 for repairs and agent's commissions; \$584.70 for insurance, and \$65.73 for sprinkling taxes, making a total expenditure on real estate of \$182,222.40

The deed of release of this property from the vendor's lien was executed by the St. Louis Union Trust Co. and was recorded in March. The Library, therefore, now that this property is clear, has no outstanding obligations.

The total expenditure for maintenance, including cost of books and furniture, was \$77,388.66, an excess of \$9,168.96 over the previous year. The chief items of the increase were \$2,500 for rent, \$1,133 more in the book fund and \$3,477 for salaries.

The expenditure in the book fund was \$18,375.69, — \$12,748.97 for

books, \$4,241.87 for binding, and \$1,384.85 for periodicals. Ordinarily the amount spent for books is much larger than this; but our purchases were necessarily curtailed on account of room. The unusually large donation list, however, brought up the total additions to a respectable figure, nearly 20,000 volumes.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR APRIL 11, 1904 TO APRIL 10, 1905.

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To balance in City Treasury, April 11, 1904.....	\$10,388 54	
Collections, April 11, 1904 — April 10, 1905.....	178,998 64	\$189,387 18
Balance in Bank Fund, April, 1904.....		17,477 95
Balance in Contingent Fund, April, 1904.....		148 93
Desk receipts.		
Collection of Duplicates,		
Books and Magazines issued.....	\$1,588 55	
Magazines sold.....	69 55	1,658 10
Fines		3,640 39
Books sold, lost and paid for.....		325 60
Catalogues		83 35
Lost cards.....		261 30
Postals		21 66
Miscellaneous.		47 09
		6,037 49
Rent collections.....		16,893 86
Exposition Site.		
Subscriptions paid.....	59,285 91	
Dividend on subscription paid by		
Library	17,155 00	
Rent.....	14,000 00	
Insurance rebates.....	1,654 30	92,093 21
Missouri Commission, for Model Li-		
brary expense.....		220 31
Insurance received on account of		
Model Library.....		2,501 98
Interest on dally bank balances	371 72	
Interest on certificates of deposit....	405 00	776 72
		\$325,534 68

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By Salaries.....		\$36,375 56
Books, Main Collection.....	\$12,042 99	
Books, Collection of Duplicater.....	705 98	
Binding.....	4,241 87	
Periodicals, Main Collection.....	1,109 28	
Periodicals, Collection of Duplicates.....	275 57	18,375 69
Rent, Main Library.....	10,000 00	
Rent of store-room, 1127 Pine.....	416 88	
Insurance, Main Library.....	1,055 50	
Furniture and repairs.....	1,275 97	12,748 30
Expense,		
Printing and stationery.....	3,308 29	
Examining account book.....	375 00	
Transportation, Del. Sta.....	\$3,115 43	
Schools.....	645 00	3,760 43
Delivery Station expense.....	53 40	
*Sundries.....	1,537 55	
Supplies.....	227 96	
Misc., Lost cards refund.....	90	
Misc. desk refund.....	10 00	
Card deposits refund.....	35 00	45 90
Postage.....	563 90	
Advertising.....	16 68	9,889 11
Model Library expense.....		443 81
Real Estate, 17th, 18th, Olive and Locust Sts.		
Principal and interest notes.....	179,729 85	
Insurance.....	584 70	
Repairs and commissions....	1,842 12	
Sprinkling taxes.....	65 73	182,222 40
Exposition Site,		
Insurance.....	2,023 00	
Salaries (8 mo. at \$125).....	1,000 00	
Taxes on Power House	933 04	
Sprinkling taxes.....	58 20	
Repairs.....	42 75	
Expense, paid to Jefferson Hotel Co.,		
on acc't smokestack.....	500 00	
Night watch signal ser.....	48 00	
Supplies.....	8 00	556 00
William Barr Lot, Sprinkling taxes.....		8 58
Total Expenditures.....		\$264,676 44

* Telephone charges are included and a large number of items of varying amounts.

<i>Brought forward</i>		\$264,676 44
Amount short in Bank Fund, through misappropriation of funds.....	\$3,088 89	
Amount short in Contingent Fund, through misappropriation of funds.....	35 55	\$3,123 94
Balance in City Treasury April 10, 1905.....		19,519 09
Balance in Bank Fund, April 1, 1905.....		88,140 15
Balance in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1905.....		75 01
		<u>\$325,534 63</u>

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894, to APRIL, 1905.

RECEIPTS.

	Exposition Site	City Collections	Desk Receipts	Rent	Insurance	Misc.	Total
1894		\$ 49,773 52	113 66				49,887 18
1895		59,035 80	2,593 26			3 41	61,632 47
1896		61,929 51	3,649 98	482 79		87 96	66,150 24
1897		64,663 32	3,741 31	1,879 56		187 72	70,471 91
1898		67,638 45	3,839 86	1,480 00		424 81	73,383 12
1899		71,340 13	3,901 72	12,828 55	39,742 72*	476 24	127,789 36
1900		73,781 47	4,392 48	12,945 50		51 98	91,171 43
1901		75,727 18	5,095 81	13,501 46		398 23	94,722 68
1902		149,321 24	5,852 79	11,649 13		204 75	167,027 91
1903	\$76,443 69	166,554 50	6,302 87	12,286 71		626 79	262,214 56
1904	86,315 30	173,064 63	6,324 46	15,417 83		244 97	281,367 19
1905	92,095 21	178,998 64	6,037 49	16,893 86	2,501 98†	997 03	297,524 21
Total	\$254,854 20	1,191,828 39	51,845 69	98,865 39	42,244 70	3,703 89	1,643,342 26

EXPENDITURES.

	Exposition Site	Maintenance	Real Estate	Misc.	Total
1894		\$2,876 19			\$2,876 19
1895		43,305 69			43,305 69
1896		52,318 45	40,900 00		93,218 45
1897		48,738 69	24,872 58		73,611 27
1898		58,051 90	29,972 00		88,023 90
1899		55,811 21	88,347 95		144,159 16
1900		45,789 48	36,973 36		82,762 84
1901		53,687 33	35,366 34		89,053 67
1902		67,623 32	36,801 44		104,424 76
1903	\$217,405 33	69,261 92	28,795 91		315,463 16
1904	26 273 08	68,224 70	186,410 76		280,908 54
1905	4,612 99	77,388 66	182,222 40	452 39†	264,676 44
Total	\$248,291 40	643,077 54	690,662 74	452 39	1,582,484 07

Balance in City Treasury, April 10, 1905.....	19,519 09
Balance in Bank Fund, April 1, 1905.....	38,140 15
Balance in Contingent Fund, April, 1905.....	75 01
Amount short in Bank Fund	} Through misappropriation of funds. \$3,088 89
Amount short in Contingent Fund	
	35 55
	<u>3,123 94</u>
	\$1,643,342 26

* For houses on City Block 510 burned immediately after the purchase of the property.

† On Model Library.

‡ On Model Library and Barr Lot.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

The following statistics present briefly the work and progress of the year.

The collection was increased by the addition of 19,455 volumes, duly catalogued and placed on the shelves ready for use. Of these, 6,992 were gifts. The total included 456 volumes in German, 112 in French, 45 in Hebrew and 154 in various other languages.

The donations for the year numbered 7,092 volumes not all catalogued, 9,357 pamphlets from 1,234 different sources. A complete list of the donors is presented in an appendix.

The registered readers numbered, at the close of the year, 59,327. Particulars will be found under the department.

The total number of books and periodicals issued during the year was 1,334,106, a gain of 39,608 over the previous year. The number of books drawn for home and school reading was 962,538. Books used in the Library numbered 111,247 and periodicals 260,321. Full details appear later in tabular form.

REGISTRATION.

The registration for the year numbered 19,769 names. Of these 13,665 were registered for the first time and 6,104 were renewals, in accordance with the rule which requires re-registration at the end of every three years. In addition to the regular reader's card, 1,444 "extra" (non-fiction) cards were issued and 285 "teachers'" cards; 11,787 cards that had been filled were replaced by new ones; and 1,662 were lost and new ones paid for. Guaranties to the number of 104 were withdrawn or cancelled; 2,622 addresses were changed; and 28 miscellaneous notices were sent during the year.

REGISTRATION.

Total cards in force, April 30, 1904	59,476	
Registered May 1, 1904 — April 30, 1905	13,665	
		73,141
Cards expiring to April 30, 1905.....	19,918	
Less re-registered	6,104	
		13,814
		59,327
Total cards in force, April 30, 1905:		
Men.....	15,592	
Women.....	17,018	
Children.....	26,688	
Institutions ..	84	
		59,327

REGISTRATION BY WARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1905.

WARD.	WARD.	WARD.
1.....587	11.... 476	21..... 684
2.....581	12.....939	22..... 730
3.....630	13.....852	23..... 556
4.....436	14.....858	24.....1,055
5.....297	15.....526	25.....1,031
6.... 462	16.....394	26.....1,032
7.....833	17.....481	27.....1,120
8.....434	18.....456	28.....1,523
9.....736	19.....952	Suburban..... 384
10.....1,051	20.....728	Total.....19,769

TOTAL REGISTRATION BY WARDS.

WARD.	WARD.	WARD.
1.....1,602	11.....1,467	21.....2,103
2.....1,804	12.....2,134	22.....3,018
3.....1,924	13.....2,484	23.....1,330
4.....1,271	14..... 971	24.....3,315
5..... 755	15.....1,375	25.....3,345
6.....1,568	16.....1,558	26.....3,227
7.....1,162	17.....2,199	27.....2,878
8.....1,498	18.....1,634	28.....4,620
9.....2,345	19.....2,252	Suburban..... 673
10.....3,138	20.....1,667	Total.....59,327

In my last report I called attention to some interesting facts in connection with the ward registration, two of which I venture to mention again:—

1. The three wards that have the largest registration lie entirely west of Grand Avenue, the city limits twenty-nine years ago.

2. The 28th ward leads all others, and this ward *begins* at 43d Street, three miles or more west of the Library and a mile beyond the former western limit of the city.

ORDER AND CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The additions for the year numbered 19,455 volumes, including 456 volumes in the German language, 112 in French, 45 in Hebrew and 154 in other foreign languages. The number added by gift was 6,992, including 5,074 volumes donated by the publishers to the Model Library at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

The cards representing the Library of Congress have been filed as received; and at the end of the year they filled two large cabinets with 24 double drawers. This catalogue has already proved practically useful in the work of the Cataloguing Department.

The Bulletin has appeared regularly throughout the year. The editing is done by the first assistant cataloguer, while the preparation of the material falls in varying degrees on most of the members of the staff. Each cataloguer writes an additional slip for the Bulletin.

These, with the notes prepared for the Book Committee, form the material from which the "List of Additions" is made.

Twenty-seven thousand four hundred and twenty-seven cards were written and inserted in the various catalogues. Of this number 1,576 were printed cards obtained from the Library of Congress, the Library Bureau, English history and entries mounted from the Publishers' Weekly. Such cards in the classed catalogues as had been soiled through use or soot were copied from class 40a-100f inclusive. Soiled cards in the author catalogue were copied from *A* to *Hall* inclusive.

In addition to cards noted above 10,273 shelf-list cards have been written and inserted, including cards for classes 69-69a, 69c (a-h), 71-77g, which were copied onto the small standard size card.

The task of collecting, acknowledging, cataloguing, writing book cards, pasting in pockets, cutting leaves, stamping, etc., for the Model Library was executed by the force of this department, taking the whole time of from four to seven persons during the months from May to August, inclusive. The prompt cataloguing of the Model Library was made possible through the courtesy of Dr. Putnam in furnishing the necessary printed cards. But on their receipt class numbers, subject headings and references had to be added and the cards arranged. A complete dictionary catalogue and a complete classed catalogue were both displayed, as well as a shelf-list and a separate author catalogue of those books actually on the shelves. This last was rendered necessary by the fact of the impossibility of collecting the whole number of books and the desirability of showing exactly what was on the shelves. This, in addition to the regular work of the department, was done in spite of the loss of two able assistants, Misses Howe and Gallaher, who resigned to be married.

The classified contents of the collection that constituted the Model Library exhibited at the World's Fair appears below:—

THE MODEL LIBRARY.

CLASSES.

Philosophy.....	109
Theology.....	239
Social Science.....	694
Natural Science and Useful Arts.....	801
Art and Poetry.....	468
Fiction.....	857
Juvenile Literature.....	510
Literary Miscellany.....	407
Travels and History.....	1,329
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals.....	55
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	5,469

SOURCE.	
Purchase.. .. .	895
Gift	5,074
	<hr/> 5,469
LANGUAGE.	
English.....	5,425
French.....	5
German.....	26
Other.....	13
	<hr/> 5,469

The total additions for the year, divided by class, source and language, are given in the following table:—

TOTAL ADDITIONS (INCLUDING THE MODEL LIBRARY) FOR THE
YEAR ENDING APRIL 30TH, 1905.

Classes	Reg. Library	Coll. of Duplicates	Totals
Philosophy	215		215
Theology	564		564
Social Science.....	2,006		2,006
Natural Science and Useful Arts	1,966		1,966
Art and Poetry.....	1,099	5	1,104
Fiction	2,854	742	3,096
Juvenile Literature.....	6,729	2	6 731
Literary Miscellany.....	1,086		1,086
Travels and History.....	2,215	3	2,218
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals	469		469
	<hr/> 18,703	<hr/> 752	<hr/> 19,455
Source			
Purchase.....	11,108	752	11,860
Gift	6,992		6,992
Pamphlets, bound.....	21		21
Periodicals, bound.....	582		582
	<hr/> 18,703	<hr/> 752	<hr/> 19,455
Language			
English	17,916	752	18,668
French.....	112		112
German.....	476		476
Other.....	199		199
	<hr/> 18 703	<hr/> 752	<hr/> 19,455

Periodicals to complete sets, 139. Hebrew books added, 45.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC., 1904-5.

Withdrawn.....	3,564
Lost and paid for.....	258
Burned on account of contagious disease.....	2
Sold.....	9
Charged to borrowers and not returned:	
For reading-room use.....	25
For home use.....	97
Model Library.....	18
Books lost at schools, 1903-4 (not reported last year).....	60
Books lost at schools, 1904-5.....	20
Missouri Building fire, 1904.....	585
Total.....	4,638
Total additions.....	19,435
Less above.....	4,638
Net increase.....	14,817

Of the 3,564 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 1,862 were replaced by new copies, as were also 98 volumes out of 258 lost and paid for; and two that had been mutilated were paid for.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

Taking the inventory of 1903 as a basis and adding the net increase of the years 1903-4 and 1904-5, we obtain the contents at the end of this year.

Total contents of Library, April 30, 1903.....	163,638
Net increase May 1, 1903 — April 30, 1904.....	9,920
Net increase May 1, 1904 — April 30, 1905.....	14,817
Total contents, April 30, 1905.....	188,375

SOME NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONS: ARRANGED IN ORDER OF CLASS.

HALL, G. S. Adolescence. 1904. 2 v. O.	4b
WEISS, J. H. Zur Geschichte jüdischen Tradition. 1904. 3 v. in 2. O.	14
ST. LOUIS. City Council. Ordinances. 1-3317, 3871-4152, 4203-4225, 9463-9735, 11152-11305. 12994-14404, 14489-15053. 29 v. D.	23c
HOWARD, G. E. History of matrimonial institutions. 1904. 3 v. O.	29m
MOODY, J., ed. Moody's manual of corporation securities. cl904. O.	30d
ST. LOUIS. Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Official catalogue. 1904. O.	35e
ROBINSON, H. Hydraulic power. 1904. O.	4i
MEYER, J. G. A. Modern locomotive construction. 1904. F.	40b
PETTIGREW, W. F. Manual of locomotive engineering. 1901. O.	40b
ROBINSON, W. Gas and petroleum engines. 1902. 2 v. O.	40b
BARKER, G. F., ed. Roemer's rays. 1899. O.	43a

CYCLOPAEDIA OF APPLIED ELECTRICITY. 1905. 5 v. O.	43a
ZITTEL, K. A. Text-book of paleontology. 1900-2. 2 v. O.	48c
SARGENT, C. S. Manual of trees of North America, excluding Mexico. 1905. O.	49b
PARKER, T. J., and Haswell, W. A. Text-book of zoology. 1897. 2 v. O.	50
STUDER, J. H. Birds of North America. 1903. F4.	50a
GARRISH, F. H. Text-book of anatomy. 1902. O.	Ma
FENNER, B. Twentieth century formulary. 1904. O.	Mc6c
LEACH, A. E. Food inspection and analysis. 1904. Q.	Mr5
HAYES, M. H. Points of the horse. 1904. Q.	57c2
SACHS, E. O. Facts on fire prevention. 1902. 2 v. O.	61b
MASON, O. T. Indian basketry. 1904. 2 v. Q.	61c
HOFMAN, H. O. Metallurgy of lead. 1904. O.	63a
JULIAN, H. F., and Smart, E. Cyaniding gold and silver ores. 1904. O.	63a
WALTON, W. World's Columbian Exposition; art and architecture. [c1893.] 11 v. F5	65
BUEBLMANN, J. Architecture of classical antiquity; orders of columns, [etc.] [1902.] F5.	65a
CRAM, R. A. English country churches. 1898. F.	65a
KING, T. H. Study book of mediaeval architecture. 1893. 4 v. F.	65a
AMERICAN artists and works. [c1889.] 2 v. F4.	65e
WHARTON, Mrs. E. Italian villas. 1904. Q.	65L
CARMAN, B., ed. World's best poetry. [c1904.] 10 v. O.	67
MENENDEZ Y PELAYO, M. Antologia de poetas liricos castellanos. 1890-1903. 11 v. D.	68sp
REAL ACADEMIA ESPAÑOLA. Antologia de poetas hispano americano. 1893-5. 4 v. O.	68sp
WEBSTER, D. Writings and speeches. 18 v. O.	76a
HOBBS, T. English works. 1839-45. 11 v. O.	76b
MCCARTHY, J., ed. Irish literature. [c1904.] 10 v. O.	77b
HAIN, L. Repertorium bibliographicum; sup. 1895-1902. 2 v. in 3. O.	78b
NEW SOUTH WALES. Public Library. Catalogue, Index and Sup. 1895-1903. 5 v. Q.	78l
THWAITES, R. G., ed. Original journals of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. v. 1-4. 1904.	83c
FITZGERALD, E. A. Highest Andes. 1899. O.	83f
WRIGHT, G. F. Asiatic Russia. 1902. 2 v. O.	85c
OGAWA, K., and Crizuka, M. Charming views of the land of the rising sun. 1904. Ob. Q.	85d
WILLIAMS, H. S. Historian's history of the world. 1904. 25 v. Q.	89
MERIVALE, C. History of the Romans under the first empire. 1896-1904. 8 v.	90b
PEARS, E. Destruction of the Greek empire. 1903. O.	90b
GOODSPEED, W. A., ed. The province and the states. 1904. 7 v. O.	91

HART, A. B., <i>ed.</i> The American nation. 1904. 5 v. O.	91
PENNSYLVANIA. <i>Legislature.</i> History of the Pennsylvania volunteers, 1861-5. 1869-70. 5 v. Q.	91c
HISTORY OF SALINE CO., Mo. 1881. Q.	91d
AKERS, C. E. .History of South America. 1904. O.	92d
BRIGHT, J. F. History of England. 1897-1904. 5 v. D.	93a
MACKINNON, J. Growth and decline of the French monarchy. 1902. O.	94c
BLAIR, E. H., and ROBERTSON, J. A., <i>eds.</i> Philippine Islands. 1493-1803 1903. 20 v. O.	95e
NEBEL, C. War between the U. S. and Mexico. 1851. F6.	96b
OBERHOLTZER, E. P. Robert Morris. [1904.] Q.	96d
ALLGEMEINE deutsche Biographie. 1875-1904. 49 v. O.	97a
MARBOT, M., <i>Baron de.</i> Memoirs. 1892. 2 v. O.	97b
WHITE, A. D. Autobiography. 1905. 2 v. O.	97b
MAYFLOWER descendant. 1899-1904. 6 v. O.	97c
DICCIONARIO-encycopedico hispano-americano. 1887-99. 25 v. in 26. F.	99
LAROUSSE, P. Nouveau Larousse. n. d. 9 v. F.	99c

DONATIONS AND EXCHANGES.

The donation list for the year included 7,092 volumes, 9,357 pamphlets, 5 photographs, 4 maps and 67 autograph letters. Of the books 5,074 volumes were given by publishers to the Model Library; and 158 volumes and 3,135 pamphlets were obtained from various exhibitors at the Fair. A new donation check-list has been prepared which will probably contain ultimately about 2,000 entries of state and city and foreign departments, universities, schools, railroads and other institutions and corporations that issue publications.

Our Bulletin was sent regularly to about 300 libraries; our Annual Report went to 384 libraries, and our Fiction Catalogue to 38 libraries. We returned to the Government 52 volumes of duplicate United States publications; and through the courtesy of the editor and translator, Mr. Adolph Hepner, and Messrs. Gustav Cramer, Chas. Nagel and Edw. C. Kehr, we distributed to 49 libraries copies of E. B. Washburne's interesting work, entitled "America's Aid to Germany."

The most valuable gift in books that the Library has ever received is what is called the A. L. A. or Model Library Collection, before referred to. Among the larger donations obtained at the time of the World's Fair was a collection of 67 volumes and 1,007 pamphlets given by Mr. Tarleton H. Bean, Chief of the Division of Forestry, Fish and Game. Other noteworthy gifts were 9 volumes of the *Rerum Italicarum Scriptores*, from Dr. Guido Biagi, of Florence; 18 volumes,

284 pamphlets from Hon. F. M. Cockrell; 192 volumes from Major T. D. Kimball; 62 volumes of directories from the Gould Directory Co.; 18 volumes and 36 pamphlets from the Argentine Commissioner to the World's Fair, and 67 autograph letters from Mr. George Iles.

BINDING.

During the year 1699 volumes of periodicals and books bought in paper covers were bound at an average cost of 66 cents per volume; 8,515 volumes were rebound at a cost of \$3,538.55, at an average of 41½ cents; and 1,346 volumes were repaired by contract for \$345.15, an average of 25½ cents. There were also 10,654 volumes repaired in the library at a cost of \$360 for salary and \$20.49 for materials. The repairs ranged from patching or inserting a few leaves to supplying new covers. The average cost was less than 4 cents a volume.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

RECORDS AND NOTICES.

I cannot better set forth the work of this sub-department than by repeating the statement made in my last annual report.

Its functions embrace a large amount of routine work. Here are gathered all the business details of the circulation department. The recovery of over-due books, the recording and collating of statistics, correspondence with card holders, re-writing of book cards, typewriting book lists, the ordering care and distribution of stationery and supplies and numberless odds and ends, each item, seemingly of little importance in itself, but in the aggregate a most important factor in the successful operation of the Library. This work for the most part is done by 'prentice hands, for here it is that the newcomer enters the service, and under the direction of the clerk in charge,—an experienced assistant—, learns the first lessons of system and order and attention to detail, which form the foundation of future fitness for higher work. In the daily routine come the rewriting of book cards (the first card is written in the catalogue room) and the sending of notices for books overdue.

During the year 38,047 book cards were rewritten, and 18,900 notices were sent for overdue books,—14,167 first notices, 3,697 second and 1,036 third. The third notice for an overdue book is followed by a call by a messenger. During the year 340 such calls were made; 85 books were brought back by the messenger; 210 were shortly returned by the card holder; and 14 more were secured through the guarantors, leaving 31 that had not been recovered at the close of the

year. The holders of these could not be found. These 31 are included in the 97 books reported lost. Twelve volumes were lost at the delivery stations; three were stolen; and the balance were unaccounted for.

Among the chief items of other routine correspondence were 2,276 notices sent to infected houses, directing occupants to hand over to the health officers any library books they may have had*; 1,136 notices of books reserved, and 412 miscellaneous notices, besides many letters of greater or less length supplying information or straightening out difficulties or answering minor complaints. All serious complaints (an exceedingly small number) and requests for bibliographical or general information go directly to the Librarian for reply.

CIRCULATION.

This year included the seven months when the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was open and the city all agog over the marvels and frolics of the Fair. Both natural reasoning and the experience of Chicago and Buffalo led us to expect a decrease in the circulation. It is, therefore, as remarkable as it is gratifying that there was an increase of nearly 23,000 volumes in the number of books drawn for home reading and a gain of nearly 40,000 in the total issue of books and periodicals. Full particulars regarding the circulation by months, by classes of books and the channels and agencies through which the books were distributed, will be found in the following tables:

ISSUE STATISTICS.

Home Issue.

Main Desk.....		185,135
Open Shelves.....	156,958	
Collection of Duplicates.....	32,021	188,979

Juvenile Department.

Drawn from Library.....	81,784	
Supplementary Reading.....	200,402	
Depositories	58,008	340,194

Delivery Stations.....		248,230
Total Home Issue.....		962,538
Total Library Issue.....		111,247
Total Issue of Books.....		1,073,785
Total Issue of Periodicals		260,821
Total Issue in all Departments.....		1,334,106

* It is not to be inferred that library books were in all these houses or any considerable portion of them. When we receive the daily report from the Health Office we do not stop to ascertain whether a book has been drawn by a resident of the house reported, but we at once send a notice directing the household not to return library books (if they happen to have any) but to turn them over to the health officers, who in mild cases disinfects them and in more serious cases burns them.

The above table discloses these rather interesting and significant facts: —

1. Of the 374,114 volumes drawn by adults who came to the Library 188,979 — a little more than half — were selected by the readers themselves from the few thousand volumes that are on the open shelves, including the new books, the “Collection of Duplicates,” and a miscellaneous collection comprising books of all classes and various grades, chosen to suit all tastes and changed from week to week. This indicates the use that will be made of an adequate “open-shelf room” containing ten or fifteen thousand volumes.

2. Of the total issue for home reading, 506,640 volumes, more than half, were delivered to readers through stations, schools and other outside agencies.

ISSUE BY MONTHS.

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION.

	HOME ISSUE	PER CENT	LIBRARY ISSUE	PER CENT	TOTAL OF BOOKS	PER CENT
Philosophy.....	3,768	.39	1,398	1.25	5,161	.48
Religion.....	4,009	.41	3,816	2.98	7,825	.68
Social Science.....	9,467	.98	16,661	14.98	26,128	2.43
Natural Science and Useful Arts.....	19,350	2.01	13,848	12.44	33,193	3.09
Arts.....	4,640	.48	8,741	7.86	13,381	1.25
Poetry.....	12,899	1.29	8,462	8.11	15,861	1.47
Fiction, regular	402,285	41.78	12,875	11.57	415,160	38.65
Coll. of Dup.....	32,021	3.33			32,021	3.00
Juvenile.....	426,633	44.35	1,105	.99	427,738	39.86
Literary Miscellany.	12,713	1.32	6,370	5.73	19,083	1.78
Travels.....	8,778	.91	4,265	3.84	13,043	1.21
Biographies.....	7,865	.82	6,422	5.77	14,287	1.33
Cyclo. and Mag....	6,778	.70	16,267	28.61	23,045	3.08
Total.....	962,538	100.00	111,247	100.00	1,073,785	100.00

SUMMARIES.

	1903-1904.	1904-1905.
Home issue, regular library.....	902,317	930,517
Home issue, coll. of duplicates.....	37,806	32,021
	939,623	962,538
Library issue.....	111,662	111,247
Total issue of books.....	1,051,285	1,073,785
Reading-room issue.....	243,213	260,321
Total issue in all departments.....	1,294,498	1,334,106
Gain in 1904-1905 over 1903-1904.....		39,608

LARGEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, SATURDAY,
MARCH 11, 1905.

Main desk.....	1,210
Open shelves.....	1,009
Juveniles.....	3,250
Delivery stations.....	1,324
Total home issue.....	6,793
Library issue.....	733
Reading-room issue.....	922
Total issue in all depart- ments.....	8,518

SMALLEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, THURSDAY,
JULY 14, 1904.

Main desk.....	419
Open shelves.....	431
Juveniles.....	178
Delivery stations.....	566
Total home issue.....	1,594
Library issue.....	211
Reading-room issue.....	514
Total issue in all depart- ments.....	2,319

LARGEST SUNDAY ISSUE, JAN. 29, 1905.

Library issue.....	280
Reading room issue.....	509
Total.....	789

SMALLEST SUNDAY ISSUE, JULY 17, 1904.

Library issue.....	48
Reading room issue.....	223
Total.....	271

TOTAL SUNDAY ISSUE.

Library issue.....	7,471
Reading room issue.....	19,026
Total.....	26,497

AVERAGE SUNDAY ISSUE.

Library issue.....	143
Reading room issue.....	366
Total.....	509

AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE.

Home issue.....	2,638
Library issue.....	305
Reading room.....	713
Total.....	3,656

AVERAGE WEEK-DAY ISSUE.

Home issue.....	3,077
Library issue.....	332
Reading room issue.....	770
Total.....	4,179

HOLIDAY ISSUE, 1904-1905.

	HOME.	LIBRARY.	R. R.	TOTAL.
Decoration Day	1,572	299	852	2,723
June 8 (Liberty Bell Day) ..	1,625	182	592	2,399
Fourth of July.....	136	70	320	526
Labor Day.....	1,118	263	298	1,879
Thanksgiving.....	2,820	563	910	4,293
Dec. 1 (Francis Day).....	756			756
Christmas (Monday 26)....	169	260		994
New Year's (Monday 2)....	2,018	360	982	3,360
Washington's Birthday....	3,506	488	998	4,992
Total.....	13,720	2,485	5,717	21,922
Average.....	1,525	276	634	2,435

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATES ISSUED BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04	'04-'05
11,936	15,159	13,476	16,913	15,815	25,984	35,816	41,263	42,933	37,306	32,021

TOTAL ISSUE BY YEARS SINCE THE LIBRARY WAS MADE FREE.

	'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04	'04-'05
Home	331,426	472,718	551,059	647,171	698,389	707,828	740,179	778,507	902,768	939,623	962,538
Ref. & Lib.	40,628	46,082	51,240	69,070	65,732	69,966	70,606	95,106	101,971	111,662	111,247
Reading R.	165,359	170,142	184,729	204,259	195,798	201,886	187,812	208,757	232,892	248,213	260,821
Total	537,413	688,942	788,028	920,500	959,854	976,675	998,597	1,082,370	1,237,631	1,299,498	1,334,106

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

While the influence of the World's Fair naturally *tended* to lessen the number of books drawn for home reading, — though as shown, the actual number was not reduced—it appeared to have—and that, too, seems natural—the opposite effect on the use of the reference department during the preparatory period. The increased number of persons in the reference room for two years before the opening of the Fair was apparent to the eye. That it was the Fair that brought them there was also evident in many cases from the kind of information they asked for.

Many were in search of statistics of fairs (attendance, financial success, effect upon cities, etc.,) and the history of the Louisiana Purchase. The greater number, however, wished to study architecture, sculpture and decoration, preparatory to an enjoyment of the St. Louis Exposition. Architects and exhibitors made use of the architectural works; and a few foreign visitors studied the social and business conditions of the United States. There was also an unusually large call for dictionaries of various languages.

My inference as to the influence of the Fair in stimulating inquiry and research is strengthened by a decrease of the recorded issue in this department this year, after a marked increase the two preceding years. This year included the World's Fair period; but the study was not done during the exhibition, but during the preparatory period. The record for the year ending with April, 1902, showed a total of 74,751 volumes; for the year ending with April, 1903, 82,462 volumes; for the year ending with April, 1904, 86,835; and for the year reported on, ending with April, 1905, the total declined to 81,094.

As explained in previous reports, it is impossible, in a room where everyone is free to help himself, to obtain even an approximately accurate record: we simply know that the recorded issue is always considerably less than the real figures. The following table gives the issue by months, showing, as usual, the highest figures in March.

RECORDED USE OF BOOKS IN REFERENCE ROOM.

May, 1904.....	6,145	November, 1904.....	6,868
June, 1904.....	5,492	December, 1904.....	8,675
July, 1904.....	4,242	January, 1905	9,175
August, 1904.....	5,074	February, 1905.....	8,669
September, 1904.....	5,069	March, 1905.....	9,644
October, 1904.....	4,839	April, 1905.....	7,202
Total			81,094

The growth of the reference work is clearly shown by the number of reference books issued in the month of March for the last eleven years.

REFERENCE RECORD FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

1895	1180	1901	6578
1896	1918	1902	8715
1897	1893	1903	9195
1898	3782	1904.....	10291
1899.....	3198	1905.....	9644
1900.....	4364		

DELIVERY STATIONS.

Books issued through the delivery stations numbered 248,230 volumes, a decrease of 29,217 compared with the previous year.

There were issued through the Central High School, 8,941 books; through the McKinley High School, 3,857; and through the Yeatman High School, 776. At the Ames, 4,988 volumes were issued; at the Columbia, 4,349; at the Blair, 4,304; and at the Elleardville, 901.

About half the loss above reported is attributed to a change in the method of issuing books at the Central High School. Formerly they were given out for one day; now the time is from four days to two weeks. The rest of the loss is probably due to the removal of station keepers from favorable locations, where they had been remarkably successful in gathering a clientage.

The following changes were made during the year: Station 22, Grand and Finney, owing to the removal of the proprietor from this prominent corner opposite the Central High School, was moved to 3301 Easton Avenue; Station 43, from 4865 St. Louis Avenue, to Easton and Taylor; Station 32, from Laclede and Boyle, to Laclede and Newstead; Station 27, from Grand, between Lindell and Pine, to Grand and

Pine; Station 36, from Natural Bridge Road and Newstead, to 2824 Marcus; Station 44, from Broadway and Marion, to 1632 South Broadway; Station 49, from Olive and Whittier to Sarah and McPherson; Station 54, from Sarah and Chouteau, to Page and Kingshighway.

Beginning October 1, 1904, and continuing for a period of 6 months ending March 31, 1905, a daily record was kept, by wards, of the number of books issued through the delivery stations, school collections, and depository libraries. This record was kept for the purpose of ascertaining what districts made most use of the library without coming to the main library, and inferentially, in what localities the new branch libraries would be most useful.

Of the Library's total issue for these six months, amounting to 566,462, there were issued through the medium of the delivery stations, school collections and depository libraries, 310,312 volumes.

Of the total registration of new members, and re-registration of old members, amounting to 12,911, the stations and schools had 5,455 for the six months.

The wards having the largest issue of books generally had the largest registration.

The following is the count by wards of the issue of books through schools and delivery stations:

WARDS.	ISSUE.	WARDS.	ISSUE.	WARDS.	ISSUE.
1.....	22,744	12.....	20,219	22.....	9,228
2.....	10,291	13.....	13,793	23.....	12,204
3.....	5,918	14.....	759	24.....	17,306
5.....	1,800	15.....	3,338	25.....	10,605
6.....	4,144	16.....	4,484	26.....	11,271
7.....	12,398	17.....	7,964	27.....	11,685
8.....	10,785	18.....	880	28.....	26,994
9.....	18,594	19.....	14,516		
10.....	12,468	20.....	32,683		
11.....	3,688	21.....	9,553		
					Totals, 310,312

The table below gives by wards the registration of cards through delivery stations:

WARDS.	REGIS- TRATION.	WARDS.	REGIS- TRATION.	WARDS.	REGIS- TRATION.
1.....	259	12.....	580	22.....	119
2.....	242	13.....	347	23.....	85
3.....	13	14.....	8	24.....	231
5.....	2	15.....		25.....	547
6.....	43	16.....	145	26.....	172
7.....	80	17.....	160	27.....	309
8.....	171	18.....		28.....	190
9.....	589	19.....	292		
10.....	201	20.....	422		
11.....	69	21.....	179		
					5,455

The wards having an issue of over 12,000 for the period, or of over 2,000 per month are given below, with the number of delivery stations and schools through which the books are issued:

WARD.	ISSUE.	REGISTRATION.	SERVED BY DEL. STA.	SCHOOLS.
20	32,683	422	4	4
28	26,994	190	6	4
1	22,744	259	2	9
9	18,594	589	2	2
12	20,219	580	2	3
24	17,806	231	4	11
13	18,793	347	3	5
19	14,516	292	5	1
10	12,468	201	2	5
7	12,398	80	2	4
23	12,204	85	1	3

The site for the first, or Barr, branch is on the boundary line between the 12th and 13th Ward, each having a monthly issue of about 2,500 and a registration of about 40.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

There is a steady growth in this department. The number of volumes drawn by visitors to the Library was somewhat smaller than that of the previous year; but this was more than balanced by the increase in circulation through the schools. Books called for by card-holders aggregated 81,784 against 91,365 the previous year, a decrease of 9,581. To make good this loss is a gain of 5,856 volumes in the issue from school depository libraries, and of 53,089 in the circulation of supplementary sets. This year 93 rooms were supplied with depository collections, from which were issued 60,503 volumes. The previous year collections were placed in 82 rooms and the issue was 54,647. This shows a gain of 5,856 for this year.

The supplementary reading shows a much greater gain, 197,907 to 144,818, an increase of 53,089. Miss Krug attributes this gain partly to the growing appreciation by teachers of the aid given them in their school work by the general reading supplied by the Library, and partly to our improved facilities for transportation. The rooms having collections made good use of them, and reported weekly.

Of the 78 white schools, 67 used the supplementary sets, and 11 did not. Of the 12 colored schools, 7 used them, and five did not. Supplementary sets were also sent to nine evening schools (8 public and 1 Jewish); to the St. Louis University, St. Matthew's and Holy Rosary Schools.

The report in detail follows. The first table shows schools that served

as depositories and the work done by each ; the second shows the issue by months from both the depositories and the sets of supplementary reading.

REPORT OF DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES, 1904-1905.

SCHOOLS.	ROOMS.	BOOKS.	WEEKS.	TOTAL ISSUE.	AVERAGE PER WEEK.
Ashland	1	50	17	1,391	88
Benton	1	25	15	248	17
Bryan Hill	1	40	9	187	21
Charless	7	220	31	3,485	112
Clinton	4	153	6	848	141
Columbia	9	486	34	8,486	250
Elliot	15	400	31	11,910	384
Elleardville	1	38	3	60	20
Emerson	6	264	32	8,449	264
Fremont	3	188	35	4,064	116
Froebel	12	350	30	7,456	249
Gardenville	1	30	10	180	18
Garfield	4	185	4	594	149
Gratiot	2	100	29	1,692	58
Harrison	3	89	25	529	21
Hodgen	5	181	17	835	49
Irving	3	80	19	733	39
Laclede	1	30	5	90	18
Lyon	2	110	21	1,431	68
Madison	1	41	3	73	24
Mount Pleasant	1	23	3	23	8
Oak Hill	4	119	20	2,327	116
Riddick	1	25	9	45	5
Shepard	4	116	32	1,579	49
Sherman	1	25	30	819	27
Walnut Park	4	110	20	1,366	68
Washington	3	105	26	954	37
Webster	2	60	10	559	56
Wyman	1	30	3	90	30
Total	93	3,573		60,503	

REPORT OF SCHOOLS, 1904-1905.

	SUP. R.	DEPOS.	TOTAL.
May	23,555	8,300	31,855
June	4,166	549	4,715
September	3,273		3,273
October	13,221	3,498	16,719
November	22,195	5,810	28,005
December	18,336	5,074	23,410
January	25,454	7,469	32,923
February	26,048	8,625	34,673
March	32,531	9,915	42,446
April	29,128	11,263	40,391
Total	197,907	60,503	258,410

To the collection for supplementary reading these 41 new sets were added :

Grade 1-2.

Grover.....The Overall boys.....2 sets.
Smythe.....Primary reader.....5 sets.

Grade 2-3.

Bakewell.....True fairy stories5 sets.
Pyle.....Prose and verse for children.....3 sets.

Grade 3-4.

Bayliss.....Lolami in Tusayan.....3 sets.

Grade 5-6.

Baldwin.....Wonder book of horses.....3 sets.
Boult.....Heroes of the Norselands.....1 set.
Hanson.....Stories of the days of King Arthur.1 set.
Nibelungenlied.....Story of the Rhinegold (Chapin).....3 sets.
Pyle.....Some merry adventures of Robin Hood.....3 sets.
Spyri.....Heidi3 sets.
Thompson.....Krag and Johnny Bear.....3 sets.

Grade 7-8.

Dickens.....Tale of two cities.....1 set.
Hugo.....Ninety-three1 set.
Lamb.....Tales from Shakespeare.....1 set.
Scott.....Kenilworth1 set.
Tennyson.....Enoch Arden and other poems.....1 set.

Two sets: Lang, " Snowdrop " and Wiltse, " Folklore stories " were worn out and replaced.

	Sets.	Copies.
Sets on hand June, 1904.....	474	14,085
Worn out and not replaced or put in circulation.....	9	250
	465	13,835
New sets added.....	41	1,230
Duplicate sets added.....	70	2,100
Sets on hand April 30, 1905.....	576	17,165

Out of the 197,907 issues from the supplementary sets, 54 books were lost; and 35 were paid for. Out of the 60,503 issues from the

depository collections, three volumes were lost; two of these were paid for; and the third was lost in transportation and not recovered.

In closing her statistical report, Miss Krug says:—

“ I wish to state that in our work with the schools there seems to be a gradual, normal, healthy growth from year to year. Yet, large as the issue from the supplementary collection has been, there is still much room for development. Every year more schools come in as borrowers; but the use of the books varies greatly in different schools. While some have called for sets from September till June, others have used them at intervals only. Again some had twenty-five or thirty sets at one time and put these to excellent use, while others were satisfied with five or six sets.

“ In some schools the principals enthusiastically recommended the sets to their teachers; in other schools teachers took the initiative and with the consent of the principal ordered their sets. Of course, the best results are obtained where both are eager for the books.

“ In closing I must add that we had a very pleasant surprise when Mrs. M. E. Huse gave us a handsome fund to be spent in supplying the children's room with flowers during the bleak wintry weather. The children appreciated this greatly.”

From the first we have given special attention to the books for the youngest children, the first three grades; but not till this year was our supply of books for the grades sufficient. This year, however, the supply met the demand in all grades.

MODEL LIBRARY.

In my last report I gave a detailed account of the genesis, organization and purpose of the “ Model Library ” at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. It remains only to report, by the following statistics, the practical use that was made of it as a working library. It must be remembered, however, that this was not its primary or principal purpose.

REGISTRATION.

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Total.
August.....	47	19	6	72
September.....	19	14	2	35
October..	14	5	....	19
November	6	1	....	7
Total.....	86	39	8	133

USE OF BOOKS.

	Home Issue.	Reference Issue.	Total.
June, 1904.....	25	....	25
July, 1904.....	118	....	118
August, 1904.....	302	....	302
September, 1904.....	449	448	897
October, 1904.....	426	349	775
November, 1-12, 1904.....	195	71	266
Total issue June 1 to Nov. 12.....			2,383
Books issued at Model Library, and not returned.			18

STAFF.

During the year we lost Misses Howe and Gallaher, two trained cataloguers, who left to be married; Mr. W. B. A. Taylor, who took charge of the Mercantile Library of Cincinnati, Oct. 1; Mr. Everett R. Perry, who resumed his college course at Harvard, and Mr. Richard Ulrich, who was appointed librarian of the military post at Ft. Leavenworth, Kan. I take pleasure in testifying to the industry, earnestness, faithfulness and efficiency of the staff.

It seems unnecessary to present evidence or argument to a body of men who have shown their belief in the value of a public library by giving their time and talents for years to this institution; and it seems equally a work of supererogation to point out the benefits of such an institution to a community that has given this Library such generous support; but opinions of others, especially the wise and the expert, in confirmation of our faith, can never fail to please.

In his "Review of the Educational Progress of the Year," before the National Council of Education in July, 1905, Dr. Howard J. Rogers, formerly chief of the education department of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and now Assistant Commissioner of Education of New York State, said:

"The number of free libraries is rapidly increasing from year to year; and in the light of its supplementary function to the public school, library growth is one of the brightest signs of the times * *

"The common school has thrown wide the door of opportunity, and its work must be carried to completion by the public library."

Respectfully submitted,

FRED'K M. CRUNDEN,

Jan. 28, 1906.

Librarian.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edward L. Preetorius, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who being duly sworn, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the year ending April 30, 1905, on account of city appropriation and other sources, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) EDW. L. PRETORIUS,
Chairman Auditing Committee,
Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library.

Sworn and subscribed to before me, this 27th day of March, nineteen hundred and six.

(Seal.)

JESSIE PURCELL,
Notary Public.

My term expires October 12, 1908.

STATE OF MISSOURI, }
CITY OF ST. LOUIS. } ss.

Before the undersigned, a notary public, within and for the City of St. Louis appeared F. M. Crunden, Librarian of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the Board of Directors of the St. Louis Public (Free) Library is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) F. M. CRUNDEN,
Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 28th day of March, nineteen hundred and six.

(Seal.)

OTTO L. ZELLE,
Notary Public,
City of St. Louis, Mo.

My term expires November 8, 1909.

APPENDIX.

DONATIONS.

MAY 1, 1904 — APRIL 30, 1905.

7,092 volumes and 9,357 pamphlets, 2 binders, 5 photographs, 4 maps, catalogue cards and 67 autograph letters were received from 1,234 sources as follows:

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia	1		American Jewish Historical Society. N. Y.	1	
Academy of Science of St. Louis.	18		American Library Association. Boston.	8	64
Adams Nervine Asylum. Boston.	1		American Medico-Psychological Assoc. Flint, Mich.	1	
Adventure Consolidated Copper Co. N. Y.	6		American Numismatic and Archaeological Society. N. Y.	1	
Alabama. Agric. Exp. Sta.	4		American Peace Society Boston.	1	
— Geological Survey.	3		American Pediatric Society. Washington.	1	
Alaska Packers Assoc. San Francisco	1		American Pneumatic Service Co. Boston.	1	
Albany. Bd. of Education	1		American Public Health Association. Rochester.	1	
Alexander, F. E. St. Louis	110		American School Board Journal. Milwaukee.	1 photo.	
All Souls Church. Chicago	2		American School of Household Economics. Chicago.	1	
Allegheny. Carnegie Library	3		American Social Science Association. New Haven.	1	
Allen, G. London	5		American Society of Civil Engineers. N. Y.	2	1
Allen, Lane & Scott. Philadelphia	1		American Statistical Association. Boston.	1	
Allis-Chalmers Co. Milwaukee	12	13	American Street Railway Association. Chicago.	1	
Allyn, Mrs. C. G. Dubuque	1	1	American Thresherman. Madison, Wis.	1	
Amack, F. St. Louis.	33		American Tobacco Co. N. Y.	2	
American Anti-Vivisection Society. Philadelphia	1		American Tract Society. N. Y.	3	
American Art Annual. N. Y.	2		American Type Founders Co. Jersey City.	4	
American Art in Bronze and Iron. N. Y.	1		American Unitarian Assoc. Boston.	4	4
American Bankers Assoc. N. Y.	1		Amherst College. Amherst, Mass.	1	
American Baptist Publishing Society. Philadelphia	2		Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Mass. Boston.	6	
American Bd. of Commrs. for Foreign Missions. Boston.	3		Andover Theological Seminary. Andover, Mass.	1	
American Book Co. N. Y.	73		Animal Rescue League. Boston.	4	
American Church Missionary Society. N. Y.	6		Anonymous.	6	108
American Civic Assoc. Philadelphia	18	138	Appleton (D.) & Co. N. Y.	245	
American Congregational Assoc. Boston.	1		Argentine Republic. Commn. to the Louisiana Purchase Exp.	18	36
American Federationist. Washington	2		Arlington Street Church. Boston	11	
American Field Pub. Co. Chicago	2		Armour Institute of Technology. Chicago.	1	
American Free Trade League. Boston.	2		Armstrong, W. C. Marksboro, N. J.	1	
American Humane Education Society. Boston.	1		Armstrong (A. C.) & Son. N. Y.	18	
American Injector Co. Detroit.	1		Armstrong Association. N. Y.	1	
American Institute of Architects. Washington.	3		Art Craft Supply Co. Chicago.	5	
American Institute of Electrical Engineers. N. Y.	2		Art Metal Construction Co. Jamestown, N. Y., 1 Map.	1	
American Institute of Homoeopathy. N. Y.	1	1			
American Institute of Sacred Literature. Chicago.	1				
American-Irish Historical Society. Boston.	1				

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Ashton-under-Syne. <i>England</i>	1		Boston Y. W. C. A. School of Domestic Science and Christian Work.....	2	
Associated Charities of Cincinnati.....	1		Bostonian Society.....	2	
Atlanta. Carnegie Library.....	6		Bowdoin College. <i>Brunswick, Me</i>	4	
Andel (T.) & Co. <i>N. Y.</i>	1		Braddock, Penn. Carnegie Free Library.....	1	
Auxiliary Educational League. <i>Boston</i>	2		Bradley (M.) Co. <i>Springfield, Mass.</i>	1	
Bacon (E. H.) & Co. <i>Boston</i>	13		Brazil. Legation. <i>Washington</i>	1	
Baggott, W. <i>St. Louis</i>	1		Brentano's. <i>N. Y.</i>	3	
Baillie's Institution. Free Reference Library. <i>Glasgow</i>	1		Breslau. Handelskammer.....	1	
Bainbridge, Dr. W. S. <i>N. Y.</i>	2		Breton, J. <i>Paris</i>	1	
Baird (H. C.) & Co. <i>Philadelphia</i>	1		Bridge, J. H. <i>N. Y.</i>	1	
Baker & Taylor Co. <i>N. Y.</i>	10		British Columbia. Board of Trade.....	2	
Baltimore Chamber of Commerce.....	1		— Minister of Mines.....	3	
Bangor. Public Library.....	1		Brookhaven, <i>Miss.</i> Graded Schools.....	1	
Bardeen, C. W. <i>Syracuse</i>	2		Brookline. Public Library.....	7	
Barker, E. S. <i>Chicago</i>	2		Brooklyn. Public Library.....	19	
Barnes, (A. S.) & Co. <i>N. Y.</i>	5		Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences.....	1	7
Barnes Medical College. <i>St. Louis</i>	1		Brown, G. P. <i>Bloomington, Ill.</i>	3	
Barr (William) Dry Goods Co. <i>St. Louis</i>	1		Brown, J. <i>Providence</i>	1	
Bates, W. H. Webster Groves, <i>Mo</i>	1		Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co. <i>Providence</i>	2	
Bates & Guild Co. <i>Boston</i>	2		Brown University. <i>Providence</i>	4	
Bates College, <i>Lewiston, Maine</i>	6		Bryan, Miss G. <i>St. Louis</i>	7	6
Battersea. Public Libraries. <i>London</i>	2		Bryn Mawr College. <i>Bryn Mawr, Penn</i>	2	
Beer, W. <i>New Orleans</i>	1		Bubler Publishing Co. <i>Lynn, Mass.</i>	1	
Beijers. Boktörlagsaktiebolag. <i>Stockholm</i>	1		Buckner, W. T. <i>Wichita, Kan</i>	1	
Belgium. Consul. <i>Baltimore</i>	1		Buell, A. W. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	
— Ministère de l' Agriculture..	32		Buffalo. Public Library.....	1	1
Bell, H. W. <i>N. Y.</i>	3		Bulgaria. Commr. Gen. to the Louisiana Purchase Exp... ..	1	
Bell (G.) & Sons. <i>London</i>	32		Buller, F. <i>Montreal</i>	1	
Belleville. Public Library.....	1		Bunker Hill Military Academy <i>Bunker Hill, Ill.</i>	1	
Bennett College. <i>Chicago</i>	3		Bunker Hill Monument Assoc. <i>Boston</i>	1	
Benziger Bros. <i>N. Y.</i>	10		Burlington, <i>Ia</i> , Free Public Library.....	1	
Berkshire Athenaeum. <i>Pittsfield Mass.</i>	1		Burt (A. L.) Co. <i>N. Y.</i>	28	
Berlin. Gemeinde Verwaltung..	2		Business Men's League of St. Louis.....	2	
— Magistrat.....	1		Busk, J. <i>St. Louis</i>	2	
— Statistisches Amt.....	2		Butterfield, Mrs. D. <i>N. Y.</i>	1	
Biagi, Prof. Dr. <i>Florence</i>	9		Cadley, J. W. <i>Albany</i>	1	
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McKay, D. <i>Philadelphia</i>	4		— State Agric. College	13	
Macklin, W. E. <i>Battle Creek</i>	1		— State Board of Health	4	18
MacLehose (J.) & Sons. <i>Glas-</i> <i>gow</i>	2		— State Library	1	
Macmillan Co. <i>N. Y.</i>	574		Michigan Central, Grand Rapids and Indiana Railway	2	
Madison, Wis. Free Library	2		Michigan Library Association ...	1	
Maginnis, O. B. <i>N. Y.</i>	1		Milwaukee. Chamber of Com- merce	1	
Maine. Agricultural Exp. Sta- tion	10		— City Service Commrs	1	
— Bureau of Industrial and Labor Statistics	2		— Health Dept.	12	
— Commissioner of Agricul- ture	2		— Public Library	5	
— Forest Commissioner	2		Minneapolis. Board of Park Commrs.	2	
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Malmene, Prof. W. <i>St. Louis</i> ...	1				
Manchester, Eng. Free Public Libraries	5				

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Minneapolis Society of Fine Arts.....	1	National Educational Assoc.....	10
Minnesota Railroad and Warehouse Commn.....	1	National Electric Light Assoc.	2
— State Library Commission....	2	....	<i>N. Y.</i>.....	....	2
Mississippi. Dept. of Archives and history.....	1	....	National Municipal League.	....	15
Missouri. Adjutant General....	2	....	<i>Philadelphia</i>.....	....	15
— Auditor.....	5	....	National Temperance League.	1	....
— Bureau of Geology and Mines.....	2	6	<i>London</i>.....	....	1
— Bureau of Labor Statistics and Inspection.....	3	1	National Union of Women Workers of Great Britain and Ireland. <i>London</i>.....	....	1
— Commission to the Louisiana Purchase Exp.....	5	....	Natural Science Assoc. of Staten Island <i>New Brighton, N. Y.</i>....	....	6
— Factory Inspector.....	1	....	Nebraska. Agricultural Exp. Sta. ....	....	7
— Fish Commission.....	1	....	— Public Library Commn. ....	....	1
— Inspector of Coal Mines.....	1	....	— State Commn. to the Louisiana Purchase Exp.....	....	1
— Inspectors of State Lead and Zinc Mines.....	1	....	— State Supt. of Public Instruction.....	....	9
— Insurance Dept.	3	....	Nelson (T.) & Sons <i>N. Y.</i>	2	....
— Railroad and Warehouse Commrs.	1	....	New Bedford. Public Library..	....	12
— School for the Deaf.....	1	....	New Britain Institute. <i>New Britain, Conn</i>.....	....	1
— Secretary of State.....	3	....	New Church Board of Publication. <i>N. Y.</i>	1	....
— State Board of Agriculture..	2	1	New Church Young People's Society of St. Louis.	13	2
— State Board of Charities....	3	....	New Crawford Theater. <i>St. Louis</i>....	....	94
— State Board of Examiners of Barbers.....	1	....	New England Hospital for women and children. <i>Boston</i>....	....	6
— State Fruit Exp. Sta.....	4	....	New England Society of Pennsylvania. <i>Philadelphia</i>....	....	1
— State Historical Society.....	61	....	New England Society of St. Louis.....	....	1
— State Normal School.....	1	....	New Hampshire. Agricultural Exp. Sta. ....	....	14
— State Supt. of Public Schools	3	....	— State Library.....	1	3
— Treasurer.....	2	....	New Haven. Free Public Library..	....	6
Missouri and Kansas Telephone Co. <i>Kansas City</i>	8	....	New Jersey. Adjutant General.	....	1
Missouri Botanical Garden. <i>St. Louis</i>	2	....	— Board of Health.....	1	....
Missouri Historical Society. <i>St. Louis</i>	2	....	— Bureau of Statistics of Labor and Industries.....	1	....
Missouri Pacific Railway Co. <i>St. Louis</i>	2	....	— Comptroller..	2	....
Missouri Pharmaceutical Assoc. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	....	— Dept. of Banking and Insurance.....	4	....
Missouri Valley College. <i>Marshall, Mo.</i>	4	....	— Geological Survey..	2	....
Missouri Wesleyan College. <i>Cameron, Mo.</i>	1	....	— Sewerage Commn.....	1	....
Mohonk Lake Arbitration Conference.....	2	....	— State Board of Assessors....	4	1
Montana Historical Library. <i>Helena</i>	3	....	— State Library.....	3	....
Montclair, <i>N. J.</i> Public Library.	2	....	— State Prison.....	1	....
Moody, Miss K. T. Webster Groves, <i>Mo</i>	41	13	New Mexico. College of Agriculture and Mechanic Art. ....	....	3
Moon, R. G. <i>St. Louis</i>	3	....	New Orleans. Public Library..	1	10
Moore, R. <i>St. Louis</i>	40	10	New South Wales. Govt. Statistician's Office.....	1	3
Morgner, O. A. <i>St. Louis</i>	21	....	— Minister of Public Instruction.....	....	1
Mount Holyoke College. <i>Holyoke, Mass</i>	1	....	— Public Library.....	....	2
Mount Vernon, <i>Ill.</i> Public Library.....	1	....	New Voice Co. <i>Chicago</i>	1	1
Muller (F.) & Co. <i>Amsterdam</i>	1	....	New York (City.) Comptroller.	3	....
Mumford, A. W. <i>Chicago</i>	11	....	— Dept. of Education.....	1	1
Municipal Art Soc. of Hartford..	1	....	— Dept. of Parks.....	....	1
Municipal Art Soc. of New York.	1	....	— Mercantile Library.....	....	2
Munn & Co. <i>New York</i>	2	....	— Public Library.....	....	13
Munsell's (J.) Sons. <i>Albany</i>	2	....	— Tenement House Dept.....	2	....
Murphy (J.) Co. <i>Baltimore</i>	2	....	— University Club.....	1	....
Murray, J. <i>London</i>	16	....	— Young Men's Hebrew Assoc. ....	....	2
Musée Social. <i>Paris</i>	11	....	— Young Women's Christian Assoc.....	....	1
Music Hall. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	7	New York County Visiting Committee.....	....	1
Mutual Life Insurance Co. of N.Y.	1	....	New York (State). Agric. Exp. Sta.....	....	15
Nagel, O. <i>St. Louis</i>	23	....	— Dept. of Labor.....	2	3
National Civic Federation. <i>N. Y.</i>	1	— Hospital for the Care of Crippled and Deformed Children.....	1
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New York Civil Service Reform Assoc.....	1		— Secretary of State.....	8	
New York Farmers. N. Y.....	1		— State Treasurer.....	1	14
New York Society Library.....	1		Osterhout Free Library. Wilkes Barre.....	18	
New York State Bar Assoc. Albany.....	1	1	Otis Library and Peck Library. Norwich, Conn.....	11	
New York University.....	2	18	Ottumwa, Ia. Public Library.....	1	
New York World.....	1	....	Outing Publishing Co. N. Y.....	2	....
New Zealand. Commissioner to Louisiana Purchase Exp.....	7	34	Owen, Miss E. St. Louis.....	5	
— Registrar-General's Office.....	2	....	Oxford University Press. N. Y.....	31	....
Newark. Board of Education.....	1	....	Page (L. C.) & Co. Boston.....	4	....
— City Officers.....	1	....	Paquet, A. H.....	5	....
— Common Council.....	2	....	Parker, G. T. St. Louis.....	4	7
— Free Public Library.....	1	46	Parthenon. Boston.....	1	
Newberry Library. Chicago.....	1		Pasadena. Public Library.....	9	
Newburgh, N. Y. Board of Education.....	1		Passaic, N. J. Public Library.....	1	
Newfoundland. Colonial Secretary's Office.....	1	....	Patton & Fisher. Chicago.....	1	....
Newlands, Hon. F. G. Washington.....	2	....	Peabody Institute. Baltimore.....	1	
Newson & Co. New York.....	2	Penn Publishing Co. Philadelphia.....	1	1
Newton, Sir A. J. London.....	1	Pennsylvania. Agric. Exp. Sta. — State Library.....	39
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Niagara Falls. Public Library.....	1		Pennsylvania Historical Society. Philadelphia.....	1	
Noble, Gen. J. W. St. Louis.....	4		Pennsylvania Home Teaching Society. Philadelphia.....	2	
Noonday Club. St. Louis.....	1		Pennsylvania Prison Society. Philadelphia.....	1	
North Adams, Mass. Public Library.....	1		Peoria. Public Library.....	5	
North Broadway Social Settlement. St. Louis.....	1		Periodical Publishers' Assoc. of America. N. Y.....	1	
North Carolina. Dept. of Agric. — Corporation Comm.....	2	1	Perkins, Mrs. A. W. Knoxville, Tenn.....	3	
North Carolina Academy of Science.....	3		Perkins Institution and School for the Blind. Boston.....	1	
North Dakota. Agric. College Exp. Sta.....	7		Perry, L. St. Louis.....	185	
— State Examiner.....	1		Philadelphia Board of Public Education.....	2	
Northwestern University. Evanston, Ill.....	1		— Board of Trade.....	1	
— Medical School.....	4		— Bureau of Water.....	1	
Norway. Bureau Central de Statistique.....	1	4	— City Institute.....	2	
Noyes, Platt & Co. Boston.....	1	....	Philadelphia. Controller.....	1	....
Nutt, D. London.....	3	....	— Free Library.....	1	
Oakland, Cal. Free Library.....	1		— Mayor.....	3	....
Oberlin College. Oberlin, O.....	4		— Organizations Allied for a Comprehensive Park System.....	1	
Octavia Hill Assoc. Philadelphia.....	1		Philadelphia Library Co.....	2	
Odeon. St. Louis.....	32		Philadelphia Vacant Lots Cultivation Assoc.....	1	
Ohio. Adjutant-General.....	1	....	Phillips Exeter Academy. Exeter, N. H.....	1	....
— Agric. Exp. Sta.....	16		Philosophical Society of Washington.....	1	
— Auditor.....	1	....	Photo Beacon. Chicago.....	1	
— Bureau of Labor Statistics.....	1	....	Photo-Era Publishing Co. Boston.....	1	
— Dept. of Education.....	6	....	Pickett, H. H. St. Louis.....	1	....
— Factory Inspector.....	1	....	Pilgrim Congregational Church. St. Louis.....	1	
— Fire Marshall.....	4		Pilgrim Press. Boston.....	1	....
— Inspector of Mines.....	2		Pilot Knob Memorial Assoc. St. Louis.....	1	
— State Library.....	22	83	Pitman, L. & Sons. N. Y.....	5	....
Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society. Columbus.....	7	....	Pittsburg. Carnegie Library.....	16	
Oklahoma. Agricultural and Mechanical College.....	1		— Chamber of Commerce.....	1	1
— Agricultural Exp. Sta.....	3		Plainfield, N. J. Public Library.....	1	
Old South Meeting House. Boston.....	12	5	Plant Seed Co. St. Louis.....	1	....
Olivares, J. de. St. Louis.....	10	....	Plymouth, Eng. Public Library.....	1	
Olympic Theater. St. Louis.....	80		Pomeroy, E. Newark, N. J.....	3	
Omaha. Public Library.....	7		Pomona College. Claremont, Cal.....	2	
Ontario. Bureau of Industries.....	3		Popular Publishing Co. N. Y.....	1	1
— Bureau of Mines.....	1	Portland, Me. Public Library.....	3	
— Dept. of Agriculture.....	13		Portland, O. Lewis and Clark Centennial.....	15	
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Portsmouth, Nng. Free Public Libraries.....	1		St. John, T. M. N. Y.	8	
Portugal. Commissioner to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.....	2		St. Joseph. Public Library.....	1	10
Post, J. L. St. Louis.....	1		St. Joseph Lead Co. N. Y.	1	
Pott (J.) & Co. N. Y.....	3		St. Louis. Auditor.....	1	
Power Publishing Co. N. Y.....	1		— Board of Education.....	112	46
Powers & Lyons. Chicago.....	2		— City Lighting Dept.....	1	
Pratt (E.) Free Library. Baltimore.....	3		— City Register.....	4	
Pratt Institute Free Library. Brooklyn.....	2		— Comptroller.....	1	
Prentiss, H. W. St. Louis.....	11		— Health Dept.....	12	
Preston & Rounds Co. Providence.....	1		— Home of the Friendless.....	8	
Princeton University. Princeton, N. J.....	1		— House of Delegates.....	3	
Providence. Public Library.....	1		— Mercantile Library.....	2	
Public School Publishing Co. Bloomington, Ill.....	5		— Park Commr.....	3	
Publicity Publishing Co. Boston.....	1		— Police Dept.....	8	
Publishers Weekly. N. Y.....	6		— Roman Catholic Orphan Asylums.....	6	
Pullman Automatic Ventilating Co. St. Louis.....	1		— Sewer Commr.....	8	
Purdue University. La Fayette, Ind.....	1		— Water Commr.....	3	
— Agric. Exp. Sta.....	7		St. Louis Children's Hospital.....	1	
Putnam, Dr. F. W. St. Louis.....	2	226	St. Louis Expanded Metal Fireproofing Co.....	5	
Putnam's (G. P.) Sons. N. Y.....	221		St. Louis News Co.....	3	5
Putney, M. H. Chicago.....	1		St. Louis Provident Assoc.....	6	
Quaritch, B. London.....	5		St. Louis Railway Club.....	4	
Queen's Borough Library. N. Y.....	1		St. Louis Single Tax League.....	2	
Quincy. Public Library.....	2		St. Louis University.....	1	
Racine-Sattley Co. St. Louis.....	1		St. Paul. Public Library.....	2	
Radiant Center Publishing Co. Niagara.....	1		Salem. Public Library.....	12	
Raible, M. St. Louis.....	2		San Francisco. Board of Trade. — Public Library.....	12	
Railway World Publishing Co. Philadelphia.....	2		Sargent, F. H. N. Y.....	1	
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Ralston & Siddons. Washington.....	2		Schuyler, P. Irvington-on-Hudson, N. Y.....	1	
Rand, McNally & Co. Chicago.....	4		Schwarz, F. St. Louis.....	1	
Real Estate Record and Builder's Guide. N. Y.....	1		Scientific American. N. Y. 2 binders.....	16	
Red Cross of Constantine. Grand Imperial Council. Chicago.....	2		Scott, Foresman & Co. Chicago.....	7	
Redwood Library and Athenaeum. Newport.....	1		Scranton. Board of Trade. — Public Library.....	5	
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Revell, F. H. N. Y.....	7		Scruggs, Vandervoort & Barney. St. Louis.....	2	
Reynold's Library. Rochester.....	2		Seattle. Public Library.....	2	
Rhode Island. Agric. Exp. Sta. — Board of State Charities and Corrections.....	1		Sedalia. Public Library.....	1	
— Metropolitan Park Commn.....	1		Seeley & Co. London.....	2	
— Railroad Commr.....	1		Seligman, E. R. A. N. Y.....	1	
— State Board of Education.....	1		Seward, G. F. N. Y.....	1	
Richardson (M. T.) Co. N. Y.....	4		Shoreditch. Public Libraries. London.....	1	
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South Carolina. Agric. Exp. Sta.	23	Unionist Free Food League. London	9
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Stoddard, Miss J. E. Washing- ton	1	— Mint Bureau	2
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Stone (H. S.) & Co. Chicago	9	— Naval Academy	1
Stuffed Club Denver	2	— Naval Observatory	3
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Sutro, T.	2	— Philippine Civil Service Board	2
Swarthmore College. Swarth- more, Penn	3	— Post Office Dept	1
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Texas. Agric. Exp. Sta	7	University of California. Berke- ley	11	4
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University Publishing Co. <i>N. Y.</i>	2		Wheeler, H. A. <i>St. Louis</i>	1	
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Walser, G. H. <i>Liberal, Mo</i>	3		Wisconsin. Free Library Com- mission	7	
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Washington University Associa- tion. <i>St. Louis</i>	2		Wood, Stubbs & Co. <i>Louisville, Ky</i>	1	
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Werner, N. J. <i>St. Louis</i>	5		Young Men's Christian Assoc. <i>N. Y.</i>	1	
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Wesleyan University. <i>Middle- town, Conn</i>	3		Young Men's Christian Assoc. Internat. Com. Pub. Dept. <i>N. Y.</i>	2	
Wessels (A.) Co. <i>N. Y.</i>	1		Young Men's Mercantile Library Assoc. <i>Cincinnati</i>	1	
West Virginia University. <i>Mor- gantown</i>	5		Zoological Society of <i>Philadel- phia</i>	1	
Westermann, G. <i>Brunswick, Ger- many</i>	2				
Western Canada Immigration Assoc. <i>Minneapolis</i>	1				
Western Reserve University. <i>Cleveland</i>	2				
— Library School.....	2				



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In April, 1906, three weeks before the close of the statistical year, Mr. F. M. Crunden, Librarian of this library, was taken from his place by illness. The annual report, prepared in rough form soon after, was held from month to month in the hope that he would return and assemble it for publication. His slowly mending health forbade this, and no report appeared for 1905-6. The records of that year, however, are now combined in one volume with those of 1906-7, and given to the public in November, 1907. Two supplements are added as this report goes to press,—one on branch libraries, and a second on the limited competition, by which Mr. Cass Gilbert was chosen architect of the new central building.

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*Resigned.

†Caused by the resignation of Mr. Davis.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT.

ST. LOUIS, MO., SEPT. 14, 1907.

Hon. Rolla Wells,

Mayor of the City of St. Louis.

DEAR SIR:

I submit herewith the report of the St. Louis Public Library, showing the business and operations of the library for the year ending April 30, 1906, and for that ending April 30, 1907.

The serious illness of the librarian, Mr. Frederick M. Crunden, prevented the presentation of the report for the year ending April 30, 1906, in its regular time.

Since making our last report two branch libraries, the Barr and the Cabanne, have been completed and are in operation. Another, the Carondelet, is well under way. The site for a fourth, the Soulard, has been purchased. The plans for the central building presented by Mr. Cass Gilbert have been adopted, and Mr. Gilbert has been appointed architect of that building.

The branch system in its operation has resulted in a greatly increased use of the library facilities, and it is the purpose of the Board to erect altogether seven branches with the funds provided by Mr. Carnegie for that purpose.

To the fund provided by Mr. Carnegie for the central building, viz., one-half a million dollars, the Board will be able, in consequence of the sale of some of its real property, to add three-quarters of a million dollars, assuring the erection of a structure adequate for the needs of the city for many years to come.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) F. W. LEHMANN,

President.

STATEMENT.

	1905-6	1906-7
Total home issue	1,084,344	1,124,716
Readers' cards in force Apr. 30.	62,179	64,804
Income from city tax	\$182,676.83	\$191,409.51
Expenditures—		
Salaries	\$ 39,442.84	\$ 44,480.04
Book fund	29,731.48	45,143.34
Real estate	12,500.00	4,500.00
Miscellaneous	23,135.02	24,312.59
Total	<u>\$104,809.34</u>	<u>\$118,435.97</u>

LIBRARY STAFF.

1905-1906.

LIBRARIAN.....FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.....PAUL BLACKWELDER
SULA WAGNERChief of Catalogue and Order Department.
MRS. LAURA SPECK.....General Assistant.
MRS. M. MYERS.....Superintendent Reading Room.
JULIA KRUGSuperintendent Juvenile Department.
ELSE MILLERSuperintendent Delivery Stations.
KATHARINE T. MOODY.....Reference Librarian.
HELEN TUTTFirst Assistant Cataloguer.
CELESTE SPECKSecond Assistant Cataloguer.
JOHN L. PARKER.....In charge of shelves.
JOSEPH BRANNIGANReceiving Clerk.
LULA M. WESCOAT.....Librarian's Secretary and Accountant.
LEE HILDEBRANDRegistration Clerk.
FLORENCE PATTONIn charge of Record Department.
FRANK A. WAITE.....Assistant in Reference Department.
DAISY LA GRAVE.....Assistant Cataloguer.
MAY GREENESenior Clerk.
GRACE BRYANSenior Clerk.
WILL HOWESenior Clerk.
WALTER H. MANN.....Senior Clerk.
OLINDA HOWMILLERSenior Clerk.
ETHEL OWENAssistant Cataloguer.
MARIE CARRAHERIssue Clerk.
JOSEPHINE GRATIAASenior Clerk.
BERTHA DOANESenior Clerk.
AMELIA FEARYJunior Clerk.
MARY POWELLJunior Clerk.

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EDNA AEGERTER.	ELVA LAMBRECHT.
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BINDERS.

JOSIE SHEEHAN.	ELLA DINGES.
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JOHN HOLLAND.	MARY HIGGS.	LIZZIE GREEN.
JOHN PALMER.	CHARLES BUCHANAN.	CLARA MYERS.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the St. Louis Public Library Board:

The report herewith submitted shows the activities of the library during the year ending April 30, 1906—the thirteenth year of its existence as a free institution. A full statement of receipts and expenditures is contained in the tables which follow.

The income from the city tax of two-fifths of a mill amounted to \$182,676.83, an increase of \$3,678.19 as compared with the previous year. The desk receipts from fines, issue of extra books, etc., reached an aggregate of \$5,914.14, a decrease of \$123.35.

The rent collections from the property in city blocks 510 and 511 amounted to \$12,303.40, a decrease of \$4,590.46 as compared with the previous year. This loss is explained by the fact that several tenants vacated the property after the close of the World's Fair period, and other desirable tenants were not found.

Contributors to the fund for the purchase of the Exposition site paid in \$3,350.00 during the year.

Insurance received on account of the fire January 5, 1906 amounted to \$6,396.44 of which \$6,059.79 was paid in during the fiscal year. The balance was paid later, and is not covered by this report.

The amount received for card and book deposits this year was \$321.00 of which \$319.00 was refunded.

Interest received during the year on certificates of deposit and daily balances amounted to \$1,245.60.

On September 11, 1905, the first installment of the Carnegie Building Fund, \$71,745.45, being the amount estimated for the erection of the Barr Branch Library, was received.

The total expenditure for maintenance including cost of books and furniture was \$91,990.34, an increase of \$14,601.68 as compared with the previous year. The chief items of the increase were \$11,355.79 for books, periodicals and binding, \$3,067.28 for salaries, \$1,612.84 for furniture and repairs, and \$1,143.33 for rent.

The expenditure in the book fund was \$29,731.48,—\$23,611.80 for books, \$4,750.33 for binding and binding supplies, and \$1,369.35 for periodicals.

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
APRIL 9, 1906.**

RECEIPTS.

To balance in City Treasury, April 10, 1905.....	\$ 19,519.09		
Collections, April 10, 1905—April 9, 1906.....	182,676.83		\$202,195.92
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To balance in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1905...			75.01
To balance in Bank Fund, April 1, 1905.....	\$38,140.15		
Desk receipts—			
Collection of Duplicates,			
Books and magazines			
issued	\$1,624.75		
Magazines sold..	59.35	\$1,684.10	
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Fines	3,473.91		
Books sold, lost and paid			
for	309.28		
Catalogues	43.30		
Lost cards	330.20		
Postals	29.26		
Miscellaneous	44.09	\$ 5,914.14	
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Card and book deposits.....	321.00		
Rent collections	12,303.40		
Exposition site, subscriptions paid...	3,350.00		
Insurance	6,059.79		
Interest	1,245.60		
Bills receivable	980.81		
Miscellaneous	32.25	30,206.99	68,347.14
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To first instalment Carnegie Building Fund and interest.....			72,392.04
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Total receipts			\$343,010.11

EXPENDITURES.

By Salaries			\$ 39,442.84
Books, Central Library.....	\$22,710.96		
Books, Barr Branch	109.58		
Books, Cabanne Branch	54.78	\$22,875.32	
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Books, Collection of Duplicates		736.48	
Binding		4,750.33	
Periodicals, regular collection.....	1,086.46		
Periodicals, Collection of Duplicates ..	282.89	1,369.35	29,731.48
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Rent, Central Library.....	10,560.20		
Rent, store-room, 1127 Pine.....	999.96	11,560.16	
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Insurance, Central Library.....	247.50		
Insurance, store-room, 1127 Pine.....	140.00		
Insurance, Barr Branch	60.00	447.50	
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Furniture and repairs.....		2,888.81	14,896.47
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Printing and stationery.....	2,206.36	
Delivery expense	3,979.64	
Sundries, as follows:		
Janitors' supplies	243.44	
Telephone service	204.80	
Conference expenses	177.50	
Audit of accounts.....	150.00	
Expense in connection with removal of Catalogue Room to new quarters..	144.00	
Car fare	89.60	
Legal services	82.00	
Expense on account of fire, January 6, 1906	53.25	
Distribution of annual reports.....	51.00	
Bonds of Librarian and Assistant Li- brarian	48.00	
Miscellaneous items	186.57	1,430.16
Postage	303.39	
Card deposits refund	319.00	8,238.55
Real Estate, city blocks 510 and 511,		
Repairs and agents' commissions.....	3,103.48	
Insurance	157.20	
Sprinkling taxes	47.80	3,308.48
Central Library Site,		
Material and expense, lowering smokestack, Exposition Building	200.00	
Sprinkling taxes	53.20	253.20
Barr Branch,		
General contract	27,730.00	
Architect's fees	2,000.00	
Heating contract	700.00	
Survey of lot, etc.....	25.00	
Sprinkling taxes	5.83	
Expense	1.75	30,462.58
Cabanne Branch,		
Purchase of site.....	12,500.00	
Survey of lot, etc.....	18.50	12,518.50
Total Expenditures		\$138,852.10
Balance in City Treasury, April 9, 1906.....		104,270.16
Balance in Bank Fund, April 1, 1906.....		57,702.12
Balance in Carnegie Building Fund, April 1, 1906.		41,962.04
Balance in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1906.....		223.69
		<u>\$343,010.11</u>

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

The following statistics present briefly the work of the year:

The collection was increased by the addition of 26,714 volumes, duly catalogued and placed on the shelves ready for use. Of these, 1,237 were gifts. The total included 733 volumes in German, 157 in French, and 126 in various other languages.

The donations for the year numbered 1,857 volumes and 8,189 pamphlets, from 1,160 different sources. A complete list of donors is presented in an appendix.

The registered readers numbered, at the close of the year, 62,179. Particulars will be found under the department.

The total number of books and periodicals issued during the year was 1,410,381, a gain of 76,275 over the previous year. The number of books drawn for home and school reading was 1,084,344. Books used in the library numbered 100,457, and periodicals 225,580. Full details appear later in tabular form.

ORDER AND CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The additions for the year numbered 26,714 volumes, an increase of 7,259 volumes over last year. This is the greatest number of books ever purchased and catalogued in any one year in the history of the library. The largest year preceding this was 1901-2 when 23,855 volumes were added, 2,859 less than this year. The present total 733 volumes in the German language, an increase of 277 over last year, 157 in French, an increase of 45 and 126 in other foreign languages. The number added by gift was 1,237.

In January, a fire in the stacks destroyed 3,733 volumes in classes 46-68f inclusive. Almost the entire circulating collection of ethnology, archaeology, fine arts, poetry and commentaries on Shakespeare was burned. This included the valuable collections known as the The Shumard Library, The Rossmassler Library and many volumes from The Henry Ames Library. These books came to the library by gift in 1869-70, when it was but five years old. It was a notable year; though the collection numbered but 20,000 volumes the accessions of those twelve months were 7,977.

Many of the burned books were replaced during the year, as were also the books from the Model Library which were destroyed by the fire in the Missouri Building at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition on November 19, 1904.

The cards representing the Library of Congress have been filed as received; and at the end of the year they filled four large cabinets. This catalogue is proving practically useful in the work of the Cataloguing Department.

The Bulletin has appeared regularly throughout the year, one number being double. The editing is done by the first assistant cataloguer, while the preparation of the material falls in varying degrees on most of the members of the staff. Each cataloguer writes an additional slip for the bulletin. These, with the notes prepared for the Book Committee, form the material from which the "List of Additions" is made. Twelve special lists have been published in the Bulletin during the year, the more important ones being those on Germany, The Railway Problem, Agriculture and Botany, and Ireland and the Irish Revival.

Forty thousand and fifty-six cards were written and inserted in the various catalogues. Of this number 8,129 were printed cards obtained from the Library of Congress, the Library Bureau, English history cards annotated by W. D. Johnston and entries mounted from the Publishers'

Weekly. Soiled cards in the author catalogue were copied from I to J inclusive.

In addition to the cards noted above, 17,822 shelf-list cards have been written and inserted, including cards for classes 69c (I-Z)-69sp, 77h-88, which were copied on to the small standard-size cards.

Beginning with May of this year the custom of giving an accession number to books bought for use as supplementary reading in the schools and designated as "school sets" was discontinued. They are now accessioned on cards in lots as received. Thus 120 copies of a book may be entered at one time, the shelf list card serving as both accession record and shelf list. Author, title, publisher, price, discount and number of copies are noted. A part of the card is devoted to the record of withdrawals and lost and paid for entries.

In September 1905, the Department was moved from its old position next the Reference Department to a much larger room, which was formerly known as the Public Document Room, next the Reading Room. The Catalogue Room was added to the Reference Department and the public documents moved to a room on the second floor which was rented for the purpose. This increase of space was much needed.

The total additions for the year, divided by class, source and language, are given in the following table:

*TOTAL ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1906.

Classes.	Regular Library	Collection of Duplicates.	Total.
Philosophy	243		243
Theology	410		410
Social Science	1,418	1	1,419
Natural Science	1,936		1,936
Art and Poetry	1,642	9	1,651
Fiction	4,710	712	5,422
Juvenile Literature	7,186		7,186
Literary Miscellany	757	9	766
Travels and History	2,389		2,389
Cyclopaedias and Periodicals	637		637
	21,328	731	22,059
Source.			
Purchase	19,377	731	20,108
Gift	1,237		1,237
Pamphlets, bound	57		57
Periodicals, bound	657		657
	21,328	731	22,059
Language.			
English	20,312	731	21,043
French	157		157
German	733		733
Other	126		126
	21,328	731	22,059
School sets			4,655
Total			26,714
Periodicals to complete sets, 383.			

*This includes the Barr Branch.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC., 1905-06.

Withdrawn	9,649
Lost and paid for	254
Burned on account of contagious disease	13
Sold	2
Charged to borrowers and not returned:	
For reading room use	6
For home use	84
Books lost at schools, 1905-06	48
Fire, January, 1906	3,733
Total	13,789
Total additions	26,714
Less above	13,789
Net increase	12,925

Of the 9,649 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 6,236 were replaced by new copies, as were also 215 volumes out of 254 lost and paid for; and two that had been mutilated, were paid for.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

Taking the inventory of 1903 as a basis and adding the net increase of the years 1903-04, 1904-05 and 1905-06, we obtain the contents at the end of this year:

Total contents of Library, April 30, 1903.....	165,658
Net increase May 1, 1903—April 30, 1904	9,920
Net increase May 1, 1904—April 30, 1905	14,817
Net increase May 1, 1905—April 30, 1906	12,925
Total contents, April 30, 1906	203,320

SOME NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONS: ARRANGED IN ORDER OF CLASS.

POLLOCK, Sir F., and MAITLAND, F. W. History of English law before Edward I. 1905. 2 v. O.	19a
U. S. Continental Congress. Extracts from votes and proceedings. 1774. D.	Ref. 26
VIRGINIA. House of Burgesses. Journals. 1905. F.	27b
SMITH, R. P. Compendious Syriac dictionary. 1903. Q.	Ref. 34
TECHNOLOGISCHES Woerterbuch. 1902-4. 3 v. Q.	Ref. 34
BANCROFT, H. H. Book of the Fair. 1893. 2 v.	Ref. 35e
BUEL, J. W. Louisiana and the Fair. [c1904-5] 10 v. O.	Ref. 35e
AMERICAN SCHOOL OF CORRESPONDENCE. Cyclopedia of drawing. [c1905] 2 v. O.	S. S. 40
BOOTH, W. H. Liquid fuel. 1903. Q.	40
DAVIS, G. E. Handbook of chemical engineering. 1904. 2 v. Q.	40
ROWAN, F. J. Practical physics of the modern steam boiler. 1903.	40b
INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICAL CONGRESS. 1904. Transactions. 1905. 3 v. O.	Ref. 43
WALMSLEY, R. M. Modern practical electricity. n. d. 4 v. O.	43a
HARPER, R. F. Assyrian and Babylonian letters. 1892-1902. 8 v. O.	Ref. 51a

- SWITHINBANK, H. *and* NEWMAN, G. Bacteriology of milk. 1903. O. Mr5
- HAYES, M. H. Points of the horse. 1904. Q. 57c2
- CYCLOPEDIA of Modern Shop Practice. 1904. 4 v. O. 61
- INTERNATIONAL Mining Directory. 1905. Q. Ref. 63a
- WEIB, H., *and others*. Poultry book. 1904. 3 v. Q. 63b
- GRAVES, A. Royal Academy of Arts. 1905. 5 v. Q. Ref. 65
- LUEBKE, W., *and others*. Monuments of art. n. d. 1v. text, 2 v. pl. O & F. Ref. 65
- VITRUVIUS POLIO, M. Architecture in 10 books. 1826. Q. Ref. 65a
- HARTMANN, S., *ed*. Modern American sculpture. n. d. F4. Ref. 65b
- JAMES, R. N. Painters and their work. 1896-7. 3 v. D. Ref. 65c
- MAXWELL, Sir W. S. Annals of the artists of Spain. 1891. 4 v. O. 65c
- SARGENT, J. S. Work of Sargent; with an introductory note by Mrs. Meynell. 1903. F4. Ref. 65c
- AUDSLEY, G. A. Art of organ-building. 1905. 2 v. F. Ref. 65f
- GARNIER, E. Soft porcelain of Sevres. 1892. F5. Ref. 65g
- ADAMS, W. D. Dictionary of the drama. v. 1. 1904. O. Ref. 66b
- LYMAN, H. S. History of Oregon. 1903. 4 v. O. 91d
- HARPER, C. G. Stage coach and mail. 1903. 2 v. O. 93a
- JEYES, S. H. Life and times of Salisbury. n. d. 2 v. F. Ref. 93a
- BESANT, Sir W. London in the times of the Stuarts. 1903. Q. Ref. 93a1
- O'CLEBY, M., *and others*. Annals of the kingdom of Ireland by the Four Masters. 1856. 6 v. Q. Ref. 93b
- BURTON, J. H. History of Scotland. 1905. 8 v. D. 93c
- WILSON, Sir D. Memorials of Edinburgh in the olden time. 1891. 2 v. Q. 93c
- POTE, W. Journal. 1896. 2 v. Text and maps. O. 97b
- WILSON, J. G. Thackeray in the United States. 1904. 2 v. O. 97b
- BARDSLEY, C. W. Dictionary of English and Welsh surnames. 1901. O. Ref. 97c
- BURKE, A. P. Family records. 1897. Q. Ref. 97c
- CROZIER, W. A. Virginia colonial militia. 1905. O. Ref. 97c
- SAVAGE, J. Genealogical dictionary of New England. 1860-2. 4 v. O. Ref. 97c
- READER'S GUIDE TO PERIODICAL LITERATURE. v. 1. 1900-4. Q. Ref. 100

BINDING.

During the year, 1647 volumes of periodicals and books bought in paper covers were bound at an average cost of 66 cents per volume.

10,158 volumes were rebound and repaired at the bindery at a total cost of \$4,139.10.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

REGISTRATION.

The registration for the year numbered 22,180 names. Of these 15,515 were registered for the first time and 6,665 were renewals, in accordance with the rule which requires a re-registration at the end of every three years. In addition to the regular reader's card 1,569 "extra" (non-fiction) cards were issued and 256 "teachers'" cards; 15,084 cards that had been filled were replaced by new ones; and 1,667 were lost and new ones paid for. Guarantors to the number of 89 were withdrawn or cancelled; and 3,893 addresses were changed. All this involved an amount of clerical work that cannot be indicated by a mere statement of the figures. The name of every guarantor must be looked up in the directory and every

card-holder assigned to his ward; and the records must be kept with the greatest accuracy, in order to avoid annoyance and loss of time to the library and to the public. Detailed statistics of the registration follow:

Total cards in force, April 30, 1905.....	59,327	
Registered May 1, 1905-April 30, 1906.....	15,515	74,842
Cards expiring to April 30, 1905.....	19,328	
Less names re-registered.....	6,665	12,663
		62,179
Total cards in force, April 30, 1906:		
Men	16,020	
Women	17,538	
Children	28,555	
Institutions	66	62,179

REGISTRATION BY WARDS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1906.

Ward		Ward		Ward	
1	663	11	579	21	652
2	563	12	835	22	886
3	675	13	711	23	430
4	372	14	256	24	1,668
5	247	15	489	25	1,340
6	454	16	352	26	1,124
7	297	17	486	27	1,572
8	432	18	557	28	1,726
9	790	19	1,514	Suburban	405
10	1,351	20	754		
					22,180

TOTAL REGISTRATION BY WARDS.

Ward		Ward		Ward	
1	1,735	11	1,635	21	2,117
2	1,605	12	2,666	22	2,813
3	1,888	13	2,316	23	1,523
4	1,267	14	900	24	3,998
5	796	15	1,416	25	3,509
6	1,416	16	1,145	26	3,283
7	1,045	17	1,541	27	3,726
8	1,295	18	1,700	28	5,025
9	2,143	19	3,288	Suburban	811
10	3,372	20	2,205		
					62,179

RECORDS AND NOTICES.

In the daily routine of this department come the rewriting of book cards (the first card is written in the cataloguing room) and the sending of notices for books overdue. During the year 36,176 book cards were re-written and 19,921 notices were sent for overdue books,—15,005 first notices, 3,834 second and 1,082 third. Among the chief items of other routine correspondence were 1,653 notices regarding books in infected houses, direct-

ing holders to hand them over to the health officers; 1,475 notices of books reserved, and 2,278 miscellaneous notices, besides many letters of greater or less length supplying information or straightening out difficulties or answering minor complaints. All serious complaints (an exceedingly small number) and requests for bibliographical or general information go directly to the librarian for reply.

From this department, naturally, the messenger is sent to recover books for which three notices (two of them sealed) have previously been sent. Last year the messenger called for 445 volumes; all of these were recovered except 33. These were drawn by persons who had left the neighborhood (and in many cases the city) and could not be traced. Ninety-two books remained charged at the end of the year. Six of these were charged for Reading Room use and not returned; 25 were lost at the Delivery Stations and 33 unaccounted for.

ISSUE STATISTICS.

Home Issue—		
Main Desk		190,439
Open Shelves, miscellaneous.....	147,722	
*Collection of Duplicates.....	31,811	179,533
Juvenile Department—		
Desk issue	92,416	
Supplementary Reading	244,537	
Depositories	78,908	415,861
Delivery Stations		298,511
Total Home Issue		1,084,344
Total Library Issue		100,457
Total Issue of Books		1,184,801
Total Issue of Periodicals		225,580
Total Issue in all Departments		1,410,381

ISSUE BY MONTHS.

*This figure does not include duplicates issued in the Juvenile and the Delivery Stations departments.

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SUMMARIES.

	1904-05.	1905-06.
Home issue, regular library	930,517	1,052,533
Home issue, Collection of Duplicates	32,021	31,811
	<u>962,538</u>	<u>1,084,344</u>
Library issue	111,247	100,457
	<u>1,073,785</u>	<u>1,184,801</u>
Total issue of books	260,321	225,580
Reading-room issue (periodicals)		
	<u>1,334,106</u>	<u>1,410,381</u>
Total issue in all departments		76,275
Gain in 1905-1906 over 1904-1905		
LARGEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, SATURDAY, MARCH 24.		
Main desk	1,135	
Open shelves	1,028	
Juvenile	3,587	
Delivery Station	2,434	
Total home issue	<u>8,184</u>	
Library issue	582	
Reading-room issue	900	
Total issue in all departments	<u>9,666</u>	
LARGEST SUNDAY ISSUE, NOVEMBER 19.		
Library issue	209	
Reading room issue	432	
Total	<u>641</u>	
TOTAL SUNDAY ISSUE.		
Library issue	5,346	
Reading room issue	15,934	
Total	<u>21,280</u>	
AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE.		
Home issue	3,464	
Library issue	274	
Reading-room issue	618	
Total	<u>4,356</u>	
SMALLEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, THURSDAY, JULY 20.		
Main desk	304	
Open shelves	383	
Juvenile	197	
Delivery Station	537	
Total home issue	<u>1,421</u>	
Library issue	170	
Reading-room issue	527	
Total issue in all departments	<u>2,118</u>	
SMALLEST SUNDAY ISSUE, JUNE 18.		
Library issue	38	
Reading-room issue	172	
Total	<u>210</u>	
AVERAGE SUNDAY ISSUE.		
Library issue	103	
Reading-room issue	305	
Total	<u>408</u>	
AVERAGE WEEK-DAY ISSUE.		
Home issue	3,464	
Library issue	304	
Reading-room issue	669	
Total	<u>4,437</u>	

HOLIDAY ISSUE, 1905-1906.

	Home.	†Library.	Periodicals	Total.
Decoration Day	3,530	214	699	4,443
Fourth of July	220	59	302	581
Labor Day	1,218	299	517	2,034
Thanksgiving Day	1,632	150	734	2,516
Christmas Day	41	110	464	615
New Year's Day	1,570	222	959	2,751
Washington's Birthday	3,708	423	823	4,954
Total	11,919	1,477	4,498	17,894
Average	1,703	211	643	2,556

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATES ISSUED BY YEARS.

'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00
11,986	15,159	13,476	16,915	15,815	25,984
'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04	'04-'05	'05-'06
35,816	41,263	42,933	37,306	32,021	32,684

TOTAL ISSUE BY YEARS.

	'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00
Home	331,426	472,718	551,059	647,171	698,339	707,823
†Reference and Library ..	40,628	46,082	51,240	69,070	65,732	69,966
Reading Room	165,359	170,142	184,729	204,259	195,783	201,886
Total	537,413	688,942	788,028	920,500	959,854	976,675
	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04	'04-'05	'05-'06
Home	740,179	778,507	902,768	939,623	962,538	1,084,344
†Reference and Library ..	70,606	95,106	101,971	111,662	111,247	100,457
Reading Room	187,812	208,757	232,892	243,213	260,321	225,580
Total	998,597	1,082,370	1,237,631	1,294,498	1,334,106	1,410,381

The home issue for the first time in the history of the library is more than 1,000,000 books.

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.
1905-6.

The recorded issue of the Reference Department for the year was 77,901. Though this did not reach the standard of the previous year, the issues of March 3rd and 10th were the largest ever recorded upon single days, being respectively, 625 and 647. The tables were often so crowded during the winter that it was impossible to record fully the use of books.

To ease the crowded shelves the McAnally Collection, the large periodicals, and the greater part of the state and government documents have been shelved in a room upon the second floor, rented for this purpose. One stack was removed from the main reference room to allow space for additional chairs and tables. The steady growth of the reference and pamphlet collections will again crowd the shelves within a year or two, and require further shelving facilities.

Beside the usual large additions to the indexed magazines, and to the collection of public documents, city, state and United States government,

†Library issue means books read in the library.

the reference library has been enriched by the purchase of valuable works of general interest in many lines, particularly decoration and design, pottery, architecture, natural history and genealogy.

Few large donations, such as were acquired during the World's Fair year, have been made, but three important ones may be noted: Two valuable volumes on jade, given by the Executors of the Heber R. Bishop Estate; a collection from the German Consul; and the statute of Franklin from Mrs. Harold H. Tittman and Mrs. N. M. Day are particularly noteworthy. The books on jade are among the most elaborate and expensive ever published. The two volumes were privately printed at a cost of about \$500 each. The complete list of donors, one of the largest in the history of the library, will be found in the appendix to this report. The total number of donations was 1857 volumes and 8189 pamphlets from 1160 sources. There were returned to the U. S. Government, 50 volumes and 20 pamphlets. The annual report of the library, the monthly bulletin, and copies of 'Our Burden and Our Strength,' by David A. Wells, were sent to the larger libraries of the country as exchanges.

A check list of documents, issued periodically, is being prepared. Thus far over one thousand cards have been made for it, and the departments or institutions represented have been sent a list of our wants. During the past year the documents solicited have been largely reports of state departments, railroads and manufacturers. During the coming year departments of the important cities, educational institutions, and miscellaneous associations will be listed and the desired documents, if possible, secured.

DELIVERY STATIONS DEPARTMENT.

1905-1906.

This department has enjoyed during the past year its customary steady growth. Its entire issue of books, including those which were sent as depository libraries, numbered 298,511—a gain of 50,281 over the year before. Of this total 66,000 were loaned by library assistants at certain selected schools, and at one church, or were sent out for limited periods in small depository collections. The subjoined table displays the issue of books at these places.

The changes in delivery stations during the year are noted below:

Stations discontinued:

- Station 28, Grand and Gravois Avenues.
- Station 50, Kossuth and Prairie Avenues.
- Station 55, Eleventh and Penrose Streets.
- Station 59, Leonard and Washington Avenues.

Stations moved or transferred:

- Station 2, moved from Grand and St. Louis to Spring and Cottage, and delivery days changed from daily to Tuesday and Friday.
- Station 7, moved from Fifteenth and Chambers to 1525 Cass Avenue.
- Station 47, moved from Academy and Suburban to Suburban and Kingshighway.

New stations:

- Station 28, Nineteenth and Hebert Streets.
- Station 50, Goode and St. Ferdinand Avenues.
- Station 54, Grand and Finney Avenues.
- Station 55, Page and Kingshighway.
- Station 59, 3134 Lucas Avenue.

DEPOSITORIES SUPPLIED THROUGH DELIVERY STATIONS DEPARTMENT 1905-06.

	Y. W. C. A.	Y. M. C. A. Central.	Y. M. C. A. South.	Y. M. C. A. Jewish Alliance.	McKinley High School	Central High School	Yeastman High School	Blair School	Garfield School	Columbia School	Ames School	Ashland School	Longfellow School	Irving School	Adams School	Sunlight Pastory.	Second Baptist S. S.	Total.
May	.....	.....	.....	72	4,076	1,851	11	434	.....	728	508	599	.....	.....	.....	.....	431	8,710
June	.....	.....	.....	55	.....	.....	.....	128	.....	112	195	522	.....	.....	.....	.....	287	1,299
July	.....	.....	.....	62	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	111	.....	.....	.....	.....	296	469
Aug.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	102	.....	.....	.....	.....	343	445
Sept.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53	185	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	538
Oct.	.....	.....	.....	98	1,428	2,479	.....	339	.....	173	400	296	.....	.....	.....	.....	375	5,588
Nov.	.....	.....	19	145	1,739	2,338	.....	890	.....	1,043	871	502	.....	.....	.....	.....	300	7,847
Dec.	.....	7	13	.....	1,706	1,783	.....	761	65	391	697	884	.....	.....	.....	.....	225	6,532
Jan.	.....	.....	63	.....	1,840	1,138	.....	845	317	536	746	829	.....	108	.....	.....	300	6,722
Feb.	.....	.....	12	97	1,277	966	4	706	523	423	713	982	.....	481	.....	.....	300	6,484
Mar.	10	39	17	.....	2,964	1,190	37	814	942	743	842	1,334	175	1,716	169	134	300	11,426
Apr.	20	65	116	.....	1,483	1,401	40	724	982	681	611	1,051	454	1,597	340	.....	375	9,940
Total...	30	111	240	529	16,513	13,146	92	5,641	2,829	4,830	5,636	7,397	629	3,902	509	134	3,832	66,000

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

1905-1906.

The consistent growth of the children's department is one of the happiest features of the Library. Of the 62,000 registered readers, nearly one-half (28,500) are children, and the most rapidly growing activity in the Library at the present time is the loaning of books to the schools—a part of the juvenile work.

During the past year the number of children's books drawn at the central library was 92,412, against 81,784 for 1904-5, a gain of 10,628. School depository libraries in 110 different rooms issued 78,908 volumes, against 60,503 from 93 rooms the previous year, an increase of 18,405. The distribution of supplementary reading sets shows a still more surprising gain. 244,537 volumes were loaned to the schools in sets of from ten to thirty copies to a title. This is an increase of 46,630 over the supplementary issue of the previous year, which was itself 53,000 above that for 1903-4. Miss Krug says in her report: "This large gain is due to the fact that all the schools are drawing a larger percentage than last year, and that most of them call for sets not intermittently as before, but steadily." No work which the library has ever done is more useful than this. During the period covered by this report eighty-four out of the ninety-seven city schools used the supplementary reading sets, and in addition nine evening schools, two Catholic schools and one business college took advantage of them as well.

A detailed report is given below. The first table shows the depository library record arranged by schools, and the second collects by months the entire issue through the schools, from both the depository libraries and the sets of supplementary reading.

New supplementary sets were added as follows, 49 in all:

Grade 1-2.

Deming	.....Little brothers of the West.....	1 set.
Deming	.....Little Indian folk.....	1 set.
Grover	.....Folklore readers. Book 1.....	3 sets.

Grade 2-3.

Segur	.....Story of a donkey.....	5 sets.
Shute	.....Land of song. Book 1.....	2 sets.

Grade 3-4.

Collodi	.....Pinocchio's adventures	8 sets.
Page	.....Captured Santa Claus.....	2 sets.
Pyle	.....Stories of humble friends.....	5 sets.

Grade 5-6.

Dickens	.....Little Nell	5 sets.
Frost	.....Wagner story book.....	2 sets.
Malory	.....King Arthur and his knights (Cutler).....	4 sets.

Grade 7-8.

Baldwin	.....Abraham Lincoln,.....	2 sets.
Coffin	.....Building the nation.....	2 sets.
Dickens	.....Child pictures	1 set.
Hale	.....Poems of knightly adventure.....	1 set.
Howard	.....Four great pathfinders.....	2 sets.
Shakespeare	.....As you like it.....	2 sets.
Shakespeare	.....Macbeth	1 set.

Sixty sets were worn out and replaced.

	Sets.	Copies.
Sets on hand April 30, 1905.....	576	17,165
Worn out and not replaced, or placed in circulation. 34		990
	542	16,175
New sets added.....	51	1,525
Duplicate sets added.....	42	1,260
Sets on hand April 30, 1906.....	635	18,960

Out of the 244,537 issues from supplementary sets, ninety-six books were lost and fifty-two paid for. From the depository collection (78,908 issues) twenty-five books were lost, of which fourteen were paid for, and three condemned on account of contagious disease.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES. 1905-1906.

SCHOOLS.	ROOMS.	BOOKS.	WEEKS.	TOTAL ISSUE.	AVERAGE PER WEEK.
Benton	1	25	3	51	17
Bryan Hill	1	45	31	782	25
Carondelet	1	30	6	292	48
Carr Lane	4	170	15	2,442	162
Carroll	3	115	14	1,416	101
Charless	11	292	28	4,704	168
Clay	1	30	25	874	35
Clinton	1	50	9	504	56
Columbia	10	530	30	13,561	452
Eliot	15	479	29	14,185	489
Emerson	6	230	22	7,114	323
Fremont	6	263	23	5,486	238
Froebel	8	350	31	9,111	293
Gardenville	1	30	31	596	19
Gratiot	3	100	23	1,758	76
Harrison	8	273	11	2,280	207
Hodgen	1	131	3	54	18
Humboldt	1	30	7	284	40
Industrial	1	24	11	138	12
Irving	1	50	12	383	32
Longfellow	2	89	17	1,121	66
Laclede	1	42	31	1,933	62
Lyon	1	110	3	209	69
Monroe	2	75	16	658	41
Mt. Pleasant	3	23	3	89	29
Oak Hill	4	125	24	1,532	63
Riddick.....	1	15	3	32	10
Shepard	5	192	28	3,649	130
Sherman	1	25	3	24	8
Walnut Park	1	110	3	200	66
Washington	1	50	31	1,379	44
Webster	3	120	15	2,067	137
Total	109	4,223		78,908	

SCHOOL ISSUE REPORT, 1905-1906.

Months.	Supplementary.	Depository.	Total.
May	28,628	6,718	35,346
June	1,987	47	2,034
September	7,079	1,706	8,785
October	24,225	7,651	31,876
November	29,448	9,655	39,103
December	23,037	9,871	32,908
January	30,534	9,764	40,298
February	28,444	10,340	38,784
March	37,604	13,273	50,877
April	33,551	9,883	43,434
Total.....	244,537	78,908	323,445

REPORT OF 1906-1907.

LIBRARY STAFF.

1906-1907.

LIBRARIAN.....FREDERICK M. CRUNDEN
ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.....PAUL BLACKWELDER

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

SULA WAGNER.....Chief of Catalogue and Order Department.
MRS. LAURA SPECK.....General Assistant.
MRS. M. MYERS.....Superintendent Reading Room.
JULIA KRUG.....Superintendent Juvenile Department.
ELSE MILLER.....Superintendent Delivery Stations.
KATHARINE T. MOODY.....Reference Librarian.
HELEN TUTT.....First Assistant Cataloguer.
CELESTE SPECK.....Second Assistant Cataloguer.
JOHN L. PARKER.....In charge of shelves.
LULU M. WESCOAT.Librarian's Secretary and Accountant.
LEE HILDEBRAND.....Registration Clerk.
FLORENCE PATTON.....In charge of Record Department.
FRANK A. WAITE.....Assistant in Reference Department.
DAISY LA GRAVE.....Assistant Cataloguer.
GRACE BRYAN.....Senior Clerk.
WILL HOWE.....Senior Clerk.
OLINDA HOWMILLER.....Assistant Cataloguer.
ETHEL OWEN.....Assistant Cataloguer.
JOSEPHINE GRATIAA.....Assistant Cataloguer.
BERTHA DOANE.....Senior Clerk.
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ALBERT BALZ.....Junior Clerk.
WILLIAM SPOTTS.....Junior Clerk.
LEONARD BALZ.....Junior Clerk.
PAUL KNIBB.....Junior Clerk.
JEAN MACKINNON.....Junior Clerk.
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FLOWER CHEW.....Junior Clerk.
LEONA CORDELL.....Junior Clerk.

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LOUISE NOBLE.	GERTRUDE KIRKSEY.
SARAH BAILEY.	MARIAN CUMMINGS.
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CHARLES BUCHANAN	L. STAEKLING

BARR BRANCH.

MAY GREENE.....	Branch Librarian.
FERDINAND HENKE.....	Assistant.
FRANCES BOWMAN.....	Children's Librarian.
VERNE BOWLES.....	Apprentice.
OSCAR KUPFERER.....	Messenger.

JANITORS.

JOHN PALMER	Janitor.
CHANIE PALMER	Assistant Janitor.

REPORT OF THE LIBRARIAN.

To the St. Louis Public Library Board:

The report herewith submitted shows the activities of the library during the year ending April 30, 1907—the fourteenth year of its existence as a free institution. A full statement of receipts and expenditures is contained in the tables which follow.

The income from the city tax of two-fifths of a mill amounted to \$191,409.51, an increase of \$8,732.68 as compared with the previous year. The desk receipts from fines, issue of duplicate books, etc., reached a total of \$6,696.42, an increase of \$782.28 as compared with the previous year. Of this total, \$449.73 was collected at the Barr Branch, and represents the Branch receipts for about seven and a half months.

The rent collections this year amounted to \$4,201.18—much smaller than usual, on account of the sale of city block 510. This lot was purchased in 1898 for a building site for the Central Library; but after Missouri Park on Thirteenth and Olive Streets had been obtained for this purpose, it became necessary to dispose of city block 510 in order to secure funds for the erection of the proposed building. Accordingly, the sale was effected June 20, 1906, with the Joliet Realty Company, for \$650,000 net cash. \$20,000 of this amount was paid on the date mentioned as earnest money, and the balance, \$630,000, was paid August 20, 1906.

The tenants of property in the block were given satisfactory refunds on their leases, the total amount being \$1,733.00 and the houses were vacated promptly. Taxes on city blocks 510 and 511, were paid to the amount of \$6,568.23, the repairs and agents' commissions cost \$268.77, water license, \$31.00, and insurance, \$75.80.

Interest on certificates of deposit and daily balances amounted to \$1,654.41, an increase of \$408.81 over the previous year.

Insurance to the amount of \$425.38, being the balance due on account of the fire on January 5, 1906, was paid in, early in the year.

Card and book deposits received during the year amounted to \$318.75, and \$329.00 was refunded to persons desiring to give up their cards. The latter amount represents various deposits made in preceding years as well as those of the year covered by this report.

On April 6th, 1906, the second installment of the Carnegie Building Fund, \$80,000.00, was received. This amount was the estimated cost of the Cabanne Branch Building. On December 12th, 1906, the third instalment, \$75,000.00 for the erection of the Carondelet Branch was received. Interest on the Carnegie Fund this year amounted to \$2,018.00.

The total expenditure for the maintenance, including cost of books and furniture, was \$118,636.52, an increase of \$26,646.18 over last year. The chief items of the increase were \$15,411.86 for books, periodicals and binding, \$9,037.20 for salaries, \$1,241.68 for printing and stationery, \$243.55 for delivery expense and \$592.11 for general expense.

Fees to the amount of \$650.00 were paid during the year to the Consulting Architect in connection with planning for the central building, this work being preliminary to the selection of the architect who is to build the library.

The amount paid on general contract work at the Barr Branch during the year was \$20,475.54; for heating and ventilating apparatus, \$5,987.00; for furniture, \$4,425.00; for decoration, \$2,500.00; for plumbing, \$1,850.00; for electric wiring, \$1,588.20; for architects' fees, \$1,254.14; for brick wall on southwest corner, \$385.00; for electric light and power, \$519.38 and for coal supply, \$181.17—these being the largest items. All expenditures, however, are listed in the sub-joined table.

On general contract work done at the Cabanne Branch, \$35,700.00 was paid; on heating contract, \$1,870.00; for architects' fees, \$1,580.00.

On April 18th, 1906, a lot in Carondelet, on the southeast corner of Krauss and Michigan Avenues, city block 3001, was purchased for \$4,500.00 as a site for the third branch of the library, to be known as the Carondelet Branch. The planning of the building was begun early in the year and architects' fees to the amount of \$1,677.00 were paid on this branch.

**RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE YEAR ENDING
APRIL 8, 1907.**

RECEIPTS.

To balance in City Treasury, April 9, 1906.....	\$104,270.16		
Collections, April 9, 1906-April 8, 1907.....	191,409.51	\$295,679.67	
To balance in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1906.....		223.69	
To balance in Bank Fund, April 1, 1906.....	57,702.12		
Desk receipts.			
Central Library.			
Collection of Duplicates,			
Books and magazines			
issued	\$1,879.65		
Magazines sold 52.55	\$1,932.20		
Fines	3,517.62		
Books sold, lost and			
paid for	354.45		
Catalogues	19.45		
Lost cards	315.70		
Postals	24.70		
Miscellaneous	78.42		
Lists	4.15	\$6,246.69	
Barr Branch.			
Collection of Duplicates,			
Books and magazines			
issued	147.70		
Fines	241.38		
Books sold, lost and			
paid for	9.65		
Catalogues	4.65		
Lost cards	42.80		
Postals	2.20		
Miscellaneous	1.35	449.73	6,696.42
Card and book deposits.....	318.75		
Rent collections	4,201.18		
Insurance paid on a/c fire, January 5	425.38		
Interest	1,654.41		
Cash for real estate sold.....	650,000.00	720,998.26	
To balance in Carnegie Building Fund,			
April 1, 1906.....	41,962.04		
Second instalment, April 6, 1906.....	\$80,000.00		
Third instalment, December 12, 1906.	75,000.00	155,000.00	
Interest	2,018.00	198,980.04	
Total receipts		\$1,215,881.66	

EXPENDITURES.

By Salaries, Central Library.	\$46,670.45		
Barr Branch....	1,809.59		\$48,480.04
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Books, Central Library, Regular Collection	21,528.03		
Books, Central Library, Collection of Duplicates...	981.36	22,509.39	
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Books, Barr Branch, Regular Collection	3,148.16		
Books, Barr Branch, Collection of Duplicates.....	139.75	3,287.91	
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Books, Cabanne Branch, Regular Collection		9,256.85	
Books, Carondelet Branch, Regular Collection		835.94	\$35,890.09
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Binding, Central Library...	7,331.03		
Binding, Barr Branch.....	318.25		
Binding, Cabanne Branch..	2.00		7,651.28
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Periodicals, Central Library, Regular Collection	1,114.67		
Periodicals, Central Library, Collection of Duplicates	276.78	1,391.45	
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Periodicals, Barr Branch, Regular Collection	173.39		
Periodicals, Barr Branch, Collection of Duplicates	37.13	210.52	1,601.97
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Rent, Central Library.....	11,043.50		
Rent, store-room, 1127 Pine	874.98	11,918.48	
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Insurance, Central Library.	642.00		
Insurance, store-room, 1127 Pine	167.40		
Insurance, Barr Branch....	188.00		
Insurance, Cabanne Branch	100.00	1,097.40	
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Furniture and repairs, Central Library		1,155.77	14,171.65
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EXPENDITURES—Continued.

Printing and stationery, Central Library	3,334.68	
Printing and stationery, Barr Branch	109.61	
Printing and stationery, Cabanne Branch	3.75	3,448.04
Delivery expense		4,223.19
Sundries, as follows:		
Legal services	520.50	
Telephone service, Central Library	232.80	
Telephone service, Barr Branch	78.54	311.34
Janitors' supplies, Central Library	347.99	
Janitors' supplies, Barr Branch	143.99	491.98
Miscellaneous, Central Li- brary	97.45	
Miscellaneous, Barr Branch	68.80	166.25
Conference expenses.....	159.55	
Audit of accounts.....	150.00	
Car fare	85.90	
Transportation of books, etc., to Barr Branch....	79.25	
Bonds of Librarian and Assistant Librarian....	40.00	
Rent of safety deposit boxes	17.50	2,022.27
Postage		447.44
Card deposits refunded.....		329.00
Real estate, city blocks 510 and 511.		
Taxes	6,568.23	
Refunds to tenants on a/c sale of block 510.....	1,733.00	
Repairs and agent's com- missions	268.77	
Insurance	75.80	
Water license	31.00	8,676.80

EXPENDITURES—Continued.**Central Library Site,**

Payment to Consulting		
Architect	650.00	
Sprinkling taxes	66.73	
Expense	7.50	724.23

Barr Branch,

General contract	20,475.54	
Heating and ventilating		
contract	5,987.00	
Furniture	4,425.00	
Decoration	2,500.00	
Plumbing contract	1,850.00	
Electric wiring	1,588.20	
Architects' fees	1,254.14	
Electric light and power.	519.38	
Brick wall	385.00	
Coal supply	181.17	
Sodding	176.40	
Water license	139.50	
Sprinkling taxes	6.84	39,488.17

Cabanne Branch,

General contract	35,700.00	
Heating contract	1,870.00	
Architect's fees	1,580.00	
Survey, etc., of lot.....	60.00	
Sprinkling taxes	8.18	39,218.18

Carondelet Branch,

Purchase price of site....	4,500.00	
Architect's fees	1,677.00	
Survey, certificate of title,		
etc.	65.75	
Sprinkling taxes	8.46	6,251.21

Total expenditures **\$212,623.56**

Balance in City Treasury, April 8, 1907.....	164,289.87
Balance in Bank Fund, April 1, 1907.....	718,697.03
Balance in Carnegie Building Fund, April 1, 1907.....	119,941.02
Balance in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1907.....	330.18
	\$1,215,881.66

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, MARCH, 1894, TO APRIL, 1907.

RECEIPTS.

	Exposition Site	City Collections	Desk Receipts	Rent	Insurance	Misc.	Interest	Carnegie Bldg. Fund	Cash for City Bk. 510	Total
1894		\$ 49,773.52	\$ 113.66			\$ 3.41				\$ 49,887.18
1895		59,035.80	2,593.26			87.96				61,632.47
1896		61,929.51	3,649.98	\$ 482.79		187.72				66,150.24
1897		64,663.32	3,741.31	1,879.56		424.81				70,471.91
1898		67,638.45	3,839.86	1,480.00		476.24				73,383.12
1899		71,340.13	3,901.72	12,328.55	\$39,742.72*	51.98				127,789.36
1900		73,781.47	4,392.48	12,945.50		398.23				91,171.43
1901		75,727.18	5,095.81	13,501.46		204.75				94,722.68
1902		149,321.24	5,852.79	11,649.13		626.79				167,027.91
1903	\$ 76,443.69	166,554.50	6,302.87	12,286.71		244.97				262,214.56
1904	86,315.30	173,064.63	6,324.46	15,417.83		997.03				281,367.19
1905	92,095.21	178,998.64	6,037.49	16,893.86	2,501.98†	1,334.06	\$1,245.60	\$ 72,392.04		297,524.21
1906		182,676.83	5,914.14	12,303.40	6,059.79	318.75	1,654.41	157,018.00	\$650,000.00	285,275.86
1907	3,350.00	191,409.51	6,696.42	4,201.18	425.38					1,011,723.65
Total	\$258,204.20	\$1,565,914.73	\$64,456.25	\$115,369.97	\$48,729.87	\$5,356.70	\$2,900.01	\$229,410.04	\$650,000.00	\$2,940,341.77

EXPENDITURES.

	Central Library Site	Maintenance Central Library	Real Estate— City Blocks 510-511	Misc.	Barr Branch	Cabanne Branch	Carondelet Branch	Total
1894		\$ 2,876.19						\$ 2,876.19
1895		43,305.69						43,305.69
1896		52,318.45	\$ 40,900.00					93,218.45
1897		48,738.69	24,872.58					73,611.27
1898		58,051.90	29,972.00					88,023.90
1899		55,811.21	88,347.95					144,159.16
1900		45,789.48	36,973.36					82,762.84
1901		53,687.33	35,366.34					89,053.67
1902		67,623.32	36,801.44					104,424.76
1903		69,261.92	28,795.91					315,463.16
1904	\$217,405.33	68,224.70	186,410.76	\$ 452.39†				280,908.54
1905	26,273.08	77,388.66	182,222.40	319.00	\$30,462.58	\$12,518.50		264,676.44
1906	4,612.99	91,990.34	3,308.48	329.00	45,782.63	48,580.78	\$7,087.15	138,852.10
1907	253.20	101,442.97	8,676.80					212,623.56
1907	724.23							
Total	\$249,268.83	\$836,510.85	\$702,648.02	\$1,100.39	\$76,245.21	\$61,099.28	\$7,087.15	\$1,933,959.73
Balance in City Treasury April 8, 1907								164,289.87
Balance in Bank Fund April 1, 1907								718,697.03
Balance in Carnegie Building Fund, April 1, 1907								119,941.02
Balance in Contingent Fund, April 1, 1907								330.18
Amt. short in Bank Fund								
Amt. short in Contingent Fund								
								3,123.94
								\$2,940,341.77

*For houses on city block 510 burned immediately after the purchase of the property.

†On Model Library.

‡On Model Library and Barr Branch site.

SUMMARY OF STATISTICS.

The following statistics present briefly the work of the year:

The collection was increased by the addition of 35,550 volumes, duly catalogued and placed on the shelves ready for use. Of these 1,706 were gifts. The total included 682 volumes in German, 349 in French, and 147 in various other languages.

The donations for the year numbered 1,437 volumes, 7,656 pamphlets, 10 pictures, 2 casts, 2 portraits, and 33 maps, from 1,134 different sources. A complete list of donors is presented in an appendix.

The registered readers numbered, at the close of the year, 64,804. Particulars will be found under the department.

The total number of books and periodicals issued during the year was 1,437,562, a gain of 27,181 over the previous year. The number of books drawn for home and school reading was 1,124,716. Books used in the library numbered 97,867, and periodicals, 214,979. Full details appear later in tabular form.

ORDER AND CATALOGUE DEPARTMENT.

The additions for 1905-1906 (26,714 volumes) were reported to have exceeded those of any previous year in the history of the library. The year 1906-1907 has again broken the record, the additions for the year numbering 35,550 volumes. This is an increase of 8,836 volumes over last year. Of the total number of books, 29,903 were entered in the regular manner and 5,647 were added to the "School Collection." Of the former 682 were in the German language, 349 in French and 147 in other languages. Of the books entered and catalogued, 4,562 volumes were for the Barr Branch, 7,049 for the Cabanne Branch and 222 for the Carondelet Branch. The number added by gift was 1,706 volumes. Of this number 47 were books for the blind.

The books on the shelves were carefully examined during the summer with the result that thousands of volumes were withdrawn as worn out or so soiled as to be unfit for circulation. These with the volumes lost and paid for and those charged to borrowers and not returned, amounted to 16,090. Notwithstanding this, the net increase amounted to 19,460 volumes, the largest net increase in the history of the library.

The depository catalogue of the Library of Congress now fills four large cabinets and eighteen single trays. It has been consulted by a few librarians from other libraries desirous of ordering cards from the Library of Congress and by very few outsiders. As it becomes better known its use by persons doing reference work will undoubtedly increase and in the meantime it is an extremely valuable tool to the Catalogue Department.

The Bulletin has appeared regularly throughout the year. The editing is done by the first assistant cataloguer, while the preparation of the material is shared by various members of the staff. Each cataloguer writes an additional slip for the Bulletin. These, with the notes prepared for the Book Committee, form the material from which the "List of Additions" is made.

Fifty-eight thousand six hundred and seventy-four cards were written and inserted in the different catalogues. Of this number 22,526 were printed cards obtained from the Library of Congress and the Library Bureau, and English history cards and entries mounted from the A. L. A. book-list and from The Publishers' Weekly. The large increase in the number of Library of Congress cards used is principally due to the branch cata-

logues, although the number for the Central Library has also increased. In the Author Index, covering names from Irving to Jewett, such cards as had been soiled by use or soot were copied.

In addition to cards noted above 11,871 shelf-list cards have been written and inserted, including cards for classes 90-90a, which were copied on to the small standard size card.

The 1907 inventory was commenced on March 14th. This took up much of the time of the department for the remainder of the year and will continue to absorb the full time of several assistants for some weeks to come.

ADDITIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1907.

Books for the blind, 47.
Periodicals to complete sets, 500.

BOOKS WORN OUT, LOST AND PAID FOR, ETC., 1906-7.		
Withdrawn		15,546
Lost and paid for:		
Central Library	324	
Barr Branch	7	331
Burned on account of contagious disease.....		4
Mutilated and paid for:		
Central Library	1	
Barr Branch	1	2
Charged to borrowers and not returned:		
For reading-room use.....	6	
For home use.....	132	138
Books lost at schools, 1906-7.....		69
Total		16,090
Total additions.....	35,550	
Less above.....	16,090	
Net increase		19,460

Of the 15,546 volumes worn out and withdrawn from circulation, 10,108 were replaced by new copies, as were also 260 volumes out of the 331 lost and paid for; and the two that had been mutilated and paid for were replaced. Of the 138 charged to borrowers and not returned 74 are to be replaced.

CONTENTS OF THE LIBRARY.

As the count of the inventory of 1907 has not been made the inventory of 1903 must once more be taken as a basis. Adding the net increase of the years 1903-4, 1904-5, 1905-6 and 1906-7, we obtain with fair accuracy the contents at the end of this year.

Total contents of Library, April 30, 1903.....	165,658
Net increase May 1, 1903-April 30, 1904.....	9,920
Net increase May 1, 1904-April 30, 1905.....	14,817
Net increase May 1, 1905-April 30, 1906.....	12,925
Net increase May 1, 1906-April 30, 1907.....	19,460
Total contents, April 30, 1907.....	222,780

SOME NOTEWORTHY ADDITIONS: ARRANGED IN ORDER OF CLASS.

RECORDS of Salem witchcraft. 1864. 2 v. Sqr. Q.	Ref. 12m
MUSS-ARNOLT, W. Concise dictionary of the Assyrian language. 1905. 2 v. O.	Ref. 34
BOSWORTH, J. Anglo-Saxon dictionary; ed. by T. N. Toller. v. d. Q.	Ref. 34a
THESAURUS linguae latinae. 1900-6. 2 v. F.	Ref. 34b
COPPERTHWAIT, W. C. Tunnel shields. 1906. Q.	S. S. 40a
PEOPLE'S natural history. 1905. 5 v. Q.	S. S. 46
PARKER, T. J., and HASWELL, W. A. Textbook of zoology. 1897. 2 v. O.	50
JORDAN, D. S. Guide to the study of fishes. 1905. 2 v. Q.	50a
BREASTED, J. H. Ancient records of Egypt. 1906. 3 v. O.	51a
DAWKINS, W. B. Early man in Britain. 1880. O.	51a
EGYPTIAN Research Account. Publications. v. 1-9. 1896-1906. 12 v. F.	Ref. 51a

- LAYARD, Sir A. H. Monuments of Nineveh. 1853. 2 v. F6. Ref. 51a
 GOMME, A. B., comp. Traditional games. 1894-8. 2 v. O. 57
 WATSON, J. Dog book. 1906. 2 v. Q. 57c4
 GOETHE, J. W. v. Propylaeen. 1798-1800. 3 v. D. 64
 LINDSAY, A. W. C. Sketches of history of Christian art. 1885. 2 v. D. 65
 STURGIS, R. Study of the artist's way of working. 1905. 2 v. Q. Ref. 65
 BEAUCLAIR, R., and GRADL, M. I., eds. Documents d'architecture-moderne. vol. 2-4. n. d. 3 v. F4. Ref. 65a
 CALVERT, A. F. Moorish remains in Spain. 1906. O. Ref. 65a
 CLAY, F. Modern school buildings. 1906. Q. 65a
 FIELD, H., and BUNNEY, M. English domestic architecture. 1905. F. 65a
 GERLACH, M. Volkstuemliche Kunst. n. d. Ob. Q. Ref. 65a
 GWILT, J. Encyclopedia of architecture. 1903. D. S. S. 65a
 HESSLING, Z. Le vieux Paris. vol. 1. n. d. F5. Ref. 65a
 NOLHAC, P. Creation de Versailles. 1901. F. Ref. 65a
 OUR national cathedrals. n. d. 3 v. O. S. S. 65a
 PUGIN, A. and A. N. W. Examples of Gothic architecture. 1850. 3 v. F. Ref. 65a
 TRIGGS, H. I. Some architectural works of Inigo Jones. 1901. F5. Ref. 65a
 VIOLET-LE-DUC, E. E. Lectures on architecture. 1877-81. 2 v. Q. Ref. 65a
 KUGLER, F. T. Italian schools of painting. 1902. 2 v. O. 65c
 MARSHALL, J. Anatomy for artists. 1890. S. S. 65c
 MUTHER, R. History of modern painting. 1895. 3 v. Q. Ref. 65c
 ROOSES, M. Rubens. 1904. F. 65c
 PENNELL, J. and E. R. Lithography and lithographers. 1898. F4. Ref. 65d
 GEFFROY, G. National Gallery. 1905. F. Ref. 65e
 RICKETTS, C. S. The Prado. 1903. F4. Ref. 65e
 ADAM, R. and J. Decorative work. 1901. F5. Ref. 65g
 GREAT BRITAIN. British Museum. Dept. of British and mediaeval antiquities and ethnography. Catalogue of Eng. pottery by R. L. Hobson. 1903. Q. Ref. 65g
 TIMMS & WEBB, comps. Die fuenfunddreissig Moebelstyle. n. d. F5. Ref. 65g
 WALTERS, H. B. History of ancient pottery. 1905. 2 v. O. Ref. 65g
 THORNBURY, G. W. Shakespeare's England. 1856. 2 v. D. 67d1
 PRIOR, R. C. A. Ancient Danish ballads. 1860. 3 v. O. 68
 GUESSARD, F., ed. Anciens poetes de la France. 1859-70. 10 v. S. 68f
 HUGO, V. M. Oeuvres completes; poesie. n. d. 16 v. Q. 68f
 SHELDON, E. S. and WHITE, A. C. Concordanza delle opere Dante Alighieri. 1905. O. Ref. 681
 BOOK-auction records. vol. 1, pt. 2, vol. 2-3. 1904-6. 3 v. O. Ref. 78c
 BRINKMAN's catalogus der boeken, plaat-en kaart werken. 1900. Q. Ref. 78c
 U. S. catalog; books published 1902-5. 1906. Q. Ref. 78c
 PHILIP, G. Philip's mercantile marine atlas. n. d. F6. Ref. 81b
 RITTER, K. Complete geography of Palestine. 1866. 4 v. O. 85b
 EBERS, G. M. Egypt. [pref. 1878-9.] 2 v. F. Ref. 86b
 WINSHIP, G. P. Sailors' narratives of voyages, New England coast, 1524-1624. 1905. O. 91
 GUE, B. F. History of Iowa. [c1903.] 4 v. O. Ref. 91d

MUNSELL, J. Annals of Albany. 1869. 10 v. D. Ref. 91e
GARCILASO DE LA VEGA. La Florida del' Inca. 1723. Q. Ref. 92c
BESANT, Sir W. Mediaeval London. 1906. 2 v. Q. Ref. 93a
ORIGINES Islandicae; ed. and tr. by G. Vigfusson. 1905. 2 v.
O. 94g
MILLINGEN, A. v. Byzantine Constantinople. 1899. O. 94j
BRINKLEY, F. China. 1904. 4 v. O. 95c
—Japan. 1903-4. 8 v. O. 95c
KAEMPFER, E. History of Japan. 1906. 3 v. O. 95c
BROWN, J. Original memoirs of sovereigns of Sweden and
Denmark. 1895. 2 v. O. 97
Book of St. Louisans; ed. by J. W. Leonard. 1906. O. Ref. 97a
ABBLAY, Mme. F. (B.), d' Diary and letters; ed. by C. Bar-
rett. 1904-5. 6 v. O. 97b
CASTELLANE, V., comte de. Journal de Marechal de Castellane.
1897-1900. 5 v. O. 97b
CHURCHILL, W. L. S. Lord Randolph Churchill. 1906. 2 v. O. 97b
COLUMBUS, C. Christopher Columbus, his own book of privi-
leges. 1893. F4. 97b
KEENE, C. S. Life and letters by G. S. Layard. 1892. Q. Ref. 97b
LINCOLN, A. Writings; ed. by A. B. Lapsley. 1905-6. 8 v. O. 97b
ORSINI, M. Life of the Virgin Mary. [c1861.] Q. 97b
FARMER, J. Genealogical register of New Eng. 1829. Q. Ref. 97c
NELSON's encyclopaedia. [c1906.] 12 v. O. Ref. 99a

BINDING.

During the year, 1984 volumes of periodicals and books bought in paper covers were bound at an average cost of 65 cents per volume. Of these, 1,652 volumes were bound for the Central Library, 317 volumes for the Barr Branch and 15 volumes for the Cabanne Branch.

16,737 volumes were rebound and repaired at the bindery at a total cost of \$7,005.80.

CIRCULATION DEPARTMENT.

REGISTRATION.

The registration for the year numbered 22,602 names. Of these 15,353 were registered for the first time and 7,249 were renewals, in accordance with the rule which requires a re-registration at the end of every three years. In addition to the regular reader's card 1,553 "extra" (non-fiction) cards were issued and 404 "teachers'" cards. Detailed statistics of the registration follow:

	Central Library.	Barr Branch.	Total.
Registered	12,577	2,776	15,353
Re-registered	6,503	746	7,249
	19,080	3,522	22,602
Extra cards	1,409	144	1,553
Teachers' cards	367	37	404
Total cards issued.....	20,856	3,703	24,559

	Central Library	Barr Branch	Total .
Cards re-written	17,501	1,665	19,166
Lost cards replaced.....	1,655	196	1,851
Addresses changed	3,964	110	4,074
Guarantors withdrawn	171	3	174
Total cards in force, April 30, 1906.....	62,179		
Registered May 1, 1906-April 30, 1907.....	15,353		77,532
Cards expiring to April 30, 1907.....	19,977		
Less re-registered	7,249		12,728
			64,804
Total cards in force, April 30, 1907,			
Men	15,831		
Women	17,734		
Children	31,170		
Institutions	69		64,804

REGISTRATION BY WARDS FOR YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1907.

Ward.	Central Library	Barr Branch	Total.	Ward.	Central Library	Barr Branch	Total.
1	864	3	867	17	439	2	441
2	404	.....	404	18	373	.....	373
3	338	1	339	19	690	1	691
4	330	.....	330	20	558	1	559
5	168	.....	168	21	640	4	644
6	513	135	648	22	701	3	704
7	350	97	447	23	410	162	572
8	291	79	370	24	1,245	146	1,391
9	411	61	472	25	896	5	901
10	976	145	1,121	26	856	1	857
11	749	16	765	27	1,847	5	1,852
12	606	1,174	1,780	28	2,551	5	2,556
13	403	1,438	1,841	Sub'rb'n	394	5	399
14	284	30	314				
15	455	2	457				
16	338	1	339	Total..	19,080	3,522	22,602

TOTAL REGISTRATION BY WARDS.

Ward.		Ward.		Ward.	
1	..... 2,079	11	..... 1,845	21	..... 2,000
2	..... 1,568	12	..... 3,566	22	..... 2,355
3	..... 1,674	13	..... 3,429	23	..... 1,573
4	..... 1,151	14	..... 930	24	..... 4,154
5	..... 724	15	..... 1,484	25	..... 3,312
6	..... 1,584	16	..... 1,110	26	..... 3,053
7	..... 1,089	17	..... 1,423	27	..... 4,569
8	..... 1,251	18	..... 1,398	28	..... 5,845
9	..... 2,028	19	..... 3,192	Suburban	..... 784
10	..... 3,563	20	..... 2,071		
				Total.....	64,804

RECORDS AND NOTICES.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

During the year 32,758 book cards were rewritten, and 21,726 notices were sent for overdue books,—16,128 first notices, 4,400 second and 1,198 third. The third notice for an overdue book is followed by a call by a messenger. During the year 483 such calls were made; 93 books were brought back by the messenger; 275 were shortly returned by the card holder; and 57 more were secured through the guarantors, 4 by the library attorney, leaving 54, 6 of which were charged for reading room use, that had not been recovered at the close of the year. The holders of these could not be found. These 54 are included in the 138 books reported lost. 47 volumes were lost at the delivery stations; 17 at schools; and the balance were unaccounted for.

Among the chief items of other routine correspondence were 1721 notices sent to infected houses, directing occupants to hand over to the health officers any library books they had; 1231 notices of books reserved, and 1790 miscellaneous notices, besides many letters of greater or less length supplying information or straightening out difficulties or answering minor complaints.

All serious complaints and requests for bibliographical or general information go directly to the librarian for reply.

BARR BRANCH.

At the Barr Branch, 747 book cards were rewritten and 1,007 notices were sent for overdue books:—787 first notices, 176 second and 44 third. The messenger called for 22 volumes and recovered all but 3. In addition to this 127 notices of books reserved and 79 letters were sent to supply information or to straighten out difficulties.

ISSUE STATISTICS.

Home Issue,

Central Library,

Main desk 164,659

Open shelves 147,819

Collection of

Duplicates. 37,066 184,885

Juvenile Department,

Desk issue 93,802

Supplementary

Reading 278,711

Depositories 45,859 418,372

Delivery Stations 260,313 1,028,229

Barr Branch,

Main desk... 41,798

New books.. 3,822

Collection of

Duplicates. 3,461

Juvenile Lit-

erature ... 47,406

96,487 1,124,716

Library Issue,

Central Library 89,611

Barr Branch 8,256 97,867 1,222,583

Periodical issue (Central Library)..... 214,979

Total issue in all Departments..... 1,437,562

ISSUE BY MONTHS AT THE CENTRAL LIBRARY.

	HOME ISSUE				USED IN THE LIBRARY		
	Main Desk	Delivery Stations	Schools and Depositories	Total	Books	Periodicals	Total
May	36,308	32,576	37,990	106,874	6,803	16,954	130,631
June	35,578	19,138	2,929	57,645	5,691	14,492	77,828
July	34,115	16,954	1,775	52,844	4,680	13,427	70,951
August ..	34,176	16,630	.....	50,806	4,690	13,083	68,579
Sept	32,095	14,244	9,397	55,736	6,150	13,263	75,149
Oct.	37,205	19,359	32,601	89,165	7,676	17,764	114,605
Nov.	37,180	23,637	41,894	102,711	7,538	18,890	129,139
Dec.	36,552	21,986	31,832	90,370	9,064	20,599	120,033
Jan.	41,791	24,234	39,540	105,565	10,452	24,467	140,484
Feb.	39,960	22,797	37,696	100,453	9,552	20,912	130,917
March ...	39,648	24,958	42,914	107,520	9,036	21,634	138,190
April	38,738	23,800	46,002	108,540	8,279	19,494	136,313
Total ..	443,346	260,313	324,570	1,028,229	89,611	214,979	1,332,819

ISSUE BY MONTHS AT THE BARR BRANCH.

	HOME ISSUE				USED IN THE LIBRARY		
				Total	Books	Periodicals	Total
Sept.	3,691			3,691	70		3,761
Oct.	12,555			12,555	646		13,201
Nov.	13,030			13,030	378		13,408
Dec.	12,484			12,484	1,025	No record.	13,509
Jan.	14,091			14,091	1,882		15,973
Feb.	13,007			13,007	1,673		14,680
March ...	13,500			13,500	1,427		14,927
April	14,129			14,129	1,155		15,284
Total ..	96,487			96,487	8,256		104,743

SUMMARY OF ISSUE.

	HOME ISSUE				USED AT THE LIBRARY		
	Main Desk	Delivery Stations	Schools and Depositories	Total	Books	Periodicals	Total
Central Library	443,346	260,313	324,570	1,028,229	89,611	214,979	1,332,819
Barr Branch	96,487			96,487	8,256	No record.	104,743
Total, 1906-'07.	539,833	260,313	324,570	1,124,716	97,867	214,979	1,437,562
Total, 1905-'06.	462,388	298,511	323,445	1,084,344	100,457	225,580	1,410,381
Gain	77,445		1,125	40,372			27,181
Loss		38,198			2,590	10,601	

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION AT CENTRAL LIBRARY.

*Since the financial year begins the first of April, and the statistical year the first of May, the number of duplicates issued as given in this report does not agree with the amount of money received for duplicates.

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CENTRAL LIBRARY.

LARGEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, SATURDAY, MARCH 2, 1907.		SMALLEST WEEK-DAY ISSUE, THURS- DAY, AUGUST 16, 1906.	
Main desk	954	Main desk	354
Open shelves.....	952	Open shelves	444
Juvenile	2,570	Juvenile	198
Delivery stations.....	1,159	Delivery stations.....	567
Total home issue....		Total home issue....	
5,635		1,563	
Library issue	450	Library issue	135
Periodical issue	878	Periodical issue	437
Total issue in all de- partments		Total issue in all de- partments	
6,963		2,135	
LARGEST SUNDAY ISSUE, MARCH 3, 1907.		SMALLEST SUNDAY ISSUE, JULY 1, 1906.	
Library issue	198	Library issue	40
Periodical issue.....	436	Periodical issue	184
Total		Total	
634		224	
TOTAL SUNDAY ISSUE.		AVERAGE SUNDAY ISSUE.	
Library issue	5,123	Library issue	98
Periodical issue.....	16,623	Periodical issue	320
Total		Total	
21,746		418	
AVERAGE DAILY ISSUE.		AVERAGE WEEK-DAY ISSUE.	
Home issue	3,295	Home issue	3,295
Library issue	245	Library issue	287
Periodical issue	589	Periodical issue	689
Total		Total	
4,129		4,271	

HOLIDAY ISSUE, 1906-1907.

	Home.	Library.	Periodical.	Total.
Decoration Day	2,291	226	533	3,050
Fourth of July	53	60	339	452
Labor Day	1,158	129	442	1,729
Thanksgiving	1,494	100	639	2,233
Christmas	14	84	317	415
New Year's Day.....	1,082	130	553	1,765
Washington's Birthday	3,875	380	790	5,045
Total	9,967	1,109	3,613	14,689
Average	1,424	158	516	2,098

COLLECTION OF DUPLICATES ISSUED BY YEARS.

'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04	'04-'05	'05-'06	'06-'07
11,986	15,159	13,476	16,915	15,815	25,984	35,816	41,263	42,933	37,306	32,021	32,675	41,399

TOTAL ISSUE BY YEARS.

	'94-'95	'95-'96	'96-'97	'97-'98	'98-'99	'99-'00	'00-'01	'01-'02	'02-'03	'03-'04	'04-'05	'05-'06	'06-'07
Home	331,426	472,718	551,059	647,171	698,339	707,823	740,179	778,507	902,768	939,623	962,538	1,084,344	1,124,716
Reading Room..	165,359	170,142	184,729	204,259	195,783	201,886	187,812	208,757	232,892	243,213	260,321	225,580	214,979
Reference and Library	40,628	46,082	51,240	69,070	65,732	69,966	70,606	95,106	101,971	111,662	111,247	100,457	97,867
Total	537,413	688,942	788,028	920,500	959,854	976,675	998,597	1,082,370	1,237,631	1,294,498	1,334,106	1,410,381	1,437,562

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT.

1906-1907.

The total recorded issue of reference books for the year was 71,522, not so large as in recent years. Contrary to the record of former years January proved the busiest month, and January 12th showed the largest issue for one day, 603 volumes.

Although the result of the recent inventory is not known, it is safe to state that the reference collection has grown rapidly during the past four years, there being practically no loss through withdrawal or other cause. Large additions have been made to the magazine files, the Poole set now being nearly complete. The collection of government and state documents has grown steadily, and the various hand-books and year-books have been added as they have appeared.

The year has seen many notable acquisitions, of which it is impossible to make full mention here. Of particular interest perhaps, is the strengthening of the genealogical collection through the addition of the following regular publications: Maryland Historical Magazine, Genealogical Magazine, New Hampshire Genealogical Record, Connecticut Magazine, Essex Antiquarian, Mayflower Descendant and Virginia Magazine. These together with the Pennsylvania Magazine and New England Historical and Genealogical Register, already on our list, make a fair working collection. An index to the genealogical material in the Library, arranged by locality, is being prepared for those interested in this subject.

Attention is also called to the following new and important acquisitions: *Allegemeine Deutsche Biographie*, 52 volumes; Nelson's encyclopedia, 12 volumes; Gue's *History of Iowa*, 4 volumes; Cambridge natural history, 9 volumes; *Annals of Albany*, 10 volumes.

In addition to its books and pamphlets, this department has gradually become the depository for some two hundred current periodicals—the overflow from the magazine reading room—which are now catalogued and shelved regularly as part of the pamphlet collection. They cover chiefly the fields of art, genealogy, medicine and trade.

Publications of every description are secured through gift by the reference librarian, who is constantly in communication with societies and institutions of many kinds. Over 1,000 letters, principally to labor unions and educational institutions were written during the past year.

This department also takes charge of the exchanges with other libraries. In addition to the *Monthly Bulletin*, which goes to about 300 of the larger libraries of the world, the year recorded the exchange of 51 pamphlets and 9 volumes.

The donations to the library during the year number 1,437 volumes, 7,656 pamphlets, 10 pictures, 2 casts, 2 portraits and 33 maps. Particularly noteworthy were the gifts of Miss Laura Perry, Mr. W. K. Bixby, Mr. J. W. Buel, Mr. W. M. Reedy, Miss Maude E. Endicott, Dr. G. Baumgarten, The Royal Commissioners of Great Britain to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition and The Civic League of St. Louis.

DELIVERY STATIONS DEPARTMENT.

1906-1907.

The number of books issued through the delivery stations this year was 260,313, a decrease of 38,198 compared with 1905-6. This loss may be ascribed to the opening of the Barr Branch, which displaced four excellent stations, and to the exceptionally mild weather of the early spring.

In December the library altered its method of supplying the high schools with books which are on the list of required reading in the English

courses. It had previously been the custom to withdraw many copies from the regular shelves, and send them in depositories to the high school principals, who issued them to the pupils for one night. This method was unsatisfactory both to the library and to the schools. Many times books were reported out at the library, when they were lying unused at the schools. As a substitute for the old method, therefore, the library adopted the supplementary reading idea, followed so successfully for some years with the grammar schools. Sets of from ten to thirty copies of the most popular books on the list were bought (in a few cases they were made up from a surplus on the shelves) and sent to the Central and McKinley High Schools. Though at this time the principals have not expressed themselves concerning this experiment, and though it is too soon to declare it the best plan yet devised, one advantage is clear—the library no longer refuses to the general public standard novels like *Ivanhoe*, *Henry Esmond*, *Tale of Two Cities*, and *Harold*, because its shelves have been temporarily emptied by an overwhelming high school call.

Depository libraries were distributed as usual by this department, wherever it was thought they would receive steady use. The most important was that sent to the Barr Branch in its early months, before its collection could be properly increased by new orders. The Central and Yeatman High Schools received generous loans of books in the fiction, history, poetry, essay and biography classes, and miscellaneous collections were sent to the Y. W. C. A. and to the Sunlight Factory.

The very useful school station work was continued. Library assistants, spending one or two afternoons a week during the winter and spring, issued at six schools 32,760 books. A table follows.

Ames	2,734
Ashland	8,821
Blair	3,178
Dozier	2,187
Emerson	7,187
Irving	8,653
Total.....	32,760

The Emerson and Dozier Schools were selected because of their proximity to the Cabanne Branch, which will be completed before the opening of another school year.

The following changes in delivery stations were made during the year:

Stations discontinued:—

Station 25, Lafayette and California Aves.
 Station 46, Jefferson and Shenandoah Aves.
 Station 26, Jefferson and Chouteau Aves.
 Station 24, Compton and Park Aves.
 Station 52, 7th and Cass Ave.

The first four, 24, 25, 26 and 46, were displaced by the Barr Branch.

New Stations:—

Station 24, Russell and Vandeventer Aves.
 Station 25, 2752 Chippewa St.
 Station 46, Grand and St. Louis Aves.
 Station 52, 11th and Madison Sts.
 Station 61, Taylor Ave. and Olive St.

JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

1906-1907.

This department has grown in the usual way, mainly through the work in the schools. At the desk, books were issued for home use to the number of 93,802, a small gain of 1,386, which would have been greater but for the opening of the Barr Branch.

The school depository issue shows a marked decrease—from 78,908 to 45,859. This is an instance of the difficulty one finds in telling facts through figures alone. In reality more school children used library books than ever before. Schools near the Barr Branch were refused depository collections, and those near the site of the Cabanne were made temporary sub-stations, to which library assistants were sent once or twice a week. Both neighborhoods therefore, found the library nearer than ever before, and yet depository collections in the school rooms were given up.

The use of supplementary reading sets is still on the increase. This year the issue amounted to 278,711 volumes, a gain of 34,174 over 1905-6, and almost double the number for 1904-5. In former years these sets have been made up for the grammar schools alone, but this year a few were added for the high schools, and have been steadily used. A discussion of this experiment will be found under the head of Delivery Stations.

Of the 80 white grammar schools, 78 used sets regularly, and of the 12 colored grammar schools 5 used them. Supplementary reading was also furnished to 12 evening schools, 11 public and one Jewish, and to the St. Mathews Catholic School.

Two tables display in detail the work with the schools. The first gives the record of schools which used depositories, and the second gathers up by months the total figures for both depositories and supplementary reading.

The following new sets, 23 in number, were added during the year.

Grade 1-2.

Deming.....	Children of the wild.....	1 set.
Deming.....	Little red people.....	1 set.
Fox.....	Indian primer	1 set.
Grover.....	Folklore reader: a primer.....	3 sets.

Grade 2-3.

DeFoe.....	Robinson Crusoe. (Baldwin).....	3 sets.
Shaw.....	Fairy tales for second school year.....	3 sets.

Grade 3-4.

Baker.....	Out of the Northland.....	1 set.
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Grade 5-6.

Baldwin.....	Thirty more famous stories retold.....	2 sets.
Chaucer.....	Stories from Chaucer told to the children. (Kelman)	1 set.
Dickens.....	Child's David Copperfield and Oliver Twist.....	1 set.
Greenwood.....	Stories from famous ballads.....	1 set.
McSpadden.....	Stories from Wagner.....	2 sets.

Grade 7-8.

Dickens.....	Christmas stories	1 set.
Guerber.....	Story of the thirteen colonies.....	1 set.
Guerber.....	Story of the Great Republic.....	1 set.

One hundred and twenty-two sets were worn out and replaced.

As it is now ten years since the supplementary reading was introduced by the library, it was necessary last summer to replace a large number of sets, which had been diligently used and were much worn.

	Sets.	Copies
Sets on hand April 30, 1906	635	18,960
Worn out and not replaced	22	620
	613	18,340
New sets added	23	690
Duplicate sets added	36	1,080
Sets on hand April 30, 1907	672	20,110

Of the 278,711 issues from the supplementary sets, 109 books were lost, of which 75 were paid for. From the depository collections, out of 45,859 issues, 21 books were lost, and 17 paid for.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DEPOSITORY LIBRARIES, 1906-1907.

Schools	Rooms	Books	Weeks	Total Issue	Average per Week
Benton	1	25	9	202	22
Bryan Hill	1	30	5	224	45
Carondelet	1	45	31	941	30
Carroll	2	85	32	2877	90
Charless	11	330	4	415	104
Clay	1	30	3	100	33
Clinton	1	50	5	186	37
Columbia	7	331	31	7775	251
Elliot	14	305	31	8387	271
Emerson	1	57	33	2256	68
Fremont	6	263	3	612	204
Froebel	1	300	28	6765	242
Gardenville.	1	30	27	481	18
Gratiot	2	100	28	2040	73
Harrison	8	273	29	1748	60
Humboldt	1	65	2	126	63
Industrial	1	24	2	21	11
Laclede	1	60	3	175	58
Lafayette	1	30	6	150	25
Monroe	2	60	33	1618	49
Kensington	1	21	5	24	5
Marquette	1	30	3	57	19
Oak Hill	6	110	23	1595	69
Phillips	1	26	28	292	10
Rock Spring	3	200	9	746	83
Sherman	1	23	14	271	19
Shepard	5	194	34	4387	129
Washington	1	50	1	40	40
Walnut Park	2	100	14	1075	77
Webster	1	40	5	273	55
Total	86	3287	...	45859	...

SCHOOL ISSUE REPORT, 1906-1907.

Months	Supplementary	Depository	Total
May	30,718	7,272	37,990
June	2,645	284	2,929
July	1,775		1,775
September	9,057	340	9,397
October	29,935	2,660	32,585
November	36,080	5,814	41,894
December	25,991	5,841	31,832
January	34,480	5,060	39,540
February	32,520	5,176	37,696
March	35,680	7,234	42,914
April	39,830	6,172	46,002
Total	278,711	45,859	324,570

BARR BRANCH.

The Barr Branch, first of the Carnegie buildings, began its work September 18, 1906. During the first seven months, the records of which are set forth in this report, it registered 3,522 readers, of whom 2,776 had never had library cards before. Of this total 2,169, or nearly 60% were children. The home issue of books numbered 96,487, an average of about 13,000 a month and of 505 for each day, or about 12% of the total home issue of the library system. Here again the use of the branch by children is conspicuous; 47,186 books, about 49% of the total were juveniles. The collection received large additions during the first few months. It was originally composed of the books of the Model Library, displayed in the Missouri Building at the World's Fair, and comprising the greater part of the 8,000 volumes recommended in the catalogue of the American Library Association. Though a suitable foundation, this proved insufficient for the demand at the Barr Branch, particularly in the adult fiction and juvenile classes. During the seven months, therefore, the collection was increased by 4,216 new books.

The affiliation between the branch and the main library is as close as possible. Books may be taken from either place and returned at the other, the same card being honored at both. Volumes not in the branch collection are sent out from the central library for temporary use on a day's notice, and special collections are loaned in the same way for the use of teachers in the neighborhood. The actual work of registering readers, who apply at the branch, is naturally performed at the central library, where all applications are filed, but the guarantor cards and signatures of applicants are received at the branch. The reader's card is then made out at the central building and sent to the branch within twenty-four hours. Daily transportation is provided.

All books at the branch library are on open shelves. For this reason a record of books consulted in the building can be but approximate, and will be kept only so long as it seems to have a value. The use of periodicals is not recorded.

The hours at the Barr Branch are at present twelve to nine on week days and two to six on Sundays. On the latter day there is no issue for home use. The staff is composed of five people, two of them young men—all trained in the St. Louis Public Library, except the children's Librarian, who attended the School for Children's Librarians in Pittsburgh. There are two janitors. To the painstaking, efficient work of these assistants, who show a natural pride in their attractive building, is

due a generous share of credit for the esteem which the branch enjoys. Special mention should be made of the story hour, never attempted in the St. Louis Public Library before, but most profitably conducted in the Barr Branch during the winter months.

The library reports with pleasure a steady use of the club room and auditorium. The former especially has proved of much value to the neighborhood. During the period since September, the following clubs and associations have held meetings there:—Ann Avenue Improvement Association; Lafayette Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle; Alumnae of the High School Girls' Literary Societies; South Side Philosophy Class, conducted by Denton J. Snider; and the Citizens' Association of the 13th ward.

Grateful acknowledgment is made to the generous friends who have made gifts to the Barr Branch. Mr. William Burg presented during the year nine original water-colors by A. M. Bouman, and Mrs. Harold H. Tittmann and Mrs. Nathaniel Day a statue of the Boy Franklin and His Whistle. Mrs. George O. Carpenter loaned the branch a handsome Japanese study in color, and the Society for the Promotion of St. Louis Art two oil paintings by St. Louis artists.

The record of branch registration follows:

Total registration, Sept. 18, 1906-Apr. 30, 1907.....	2,776	
Total re-registration, Sept. 18, 1906-Apr. 30, 1907.....	746	3,522

Total cards in force, April 30, 1907:

Men	553	
Women	798	
Children	2,169	
Institutions	2	3,522

Registration by months:

	Men.	Women.	Children.	Institu- tions.	Total.
September	95	128	412	.	635
October	115	182	528	2	827
November	79	105	287	..	471
December	55	60	170	..	285
January	65	93	176	..	334
February	50	92	189	..	331
March	48	60	224	..	332
April	46	78	183	..	307
Total.....	553	798	2,169	2	3,522

CIRCULATION AT THE BARR BRANCH.

ISSUE OF BOOKS.

Home Issue—

Main desk	45,840	
Collection of Duplicates.....	3,461	49,301

Juvenile desk	47,186
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Total home issue.....	96,487
Total library issue.....	8,256

Total issue in all departments.....	104,743
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Classified issue by months at Barr Branch:—

	Sept. 18-30	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	Total
Philosophy	7	31	20	38	35	39	51	38	259
Religion	11	32	56	51	27	28	30	30	265
Social science	44	129	127	80	111	111	98	106	806
Natural science	176	340	246	248	305	269	305	241	2,130
Art	24	84	71	73	70	76	71	77	546
Poetry	60	231	186	147	135	188	213	198	1,358
Fiction, regular	1,297	4,190	4,327	4,383	5,743	5,251	5,338	5,744	36,273
Collection of Duplicates	93	366	421	497	535	503	539	507	3,461
Juvenile Literature	1,739	6,518	7,110	6,431	6,498	5,945	6,308	6,637	47,186
Literary miscellany	63	184	125	137	153	146	176	145	1,129
Travels	68	161	138	131	169	158	136	156	1,117
History	72	179	116	152	174	169	128	139	1,129
Biography	30	107	87	101	124	124	107	101	781
Magazines	7	3	.....	15	12	.....	.....	10	47
Total Home Issue.	3,691	12,555	13,030	12,484	14,091	13,007	13,500	14,129	96,487
Library Issue.....	70	646	378	1,025	1,882	1,673	1,427	1,155	8,256
Total Circulation ..	3,761	13,201	13,408	13,509	15,973	14,680	14,927	15,284	104,743

Largest daily home issue, February 25, 1907.....840
Smallest daily home issue, September 28, 1906.....202
Average daily home issue.....505

HOLIDAY ISSUE.

	Home Issue.	Library Issue.	Total.
Thanksgiving Day	106	19	125
Washington's Birthday.....	376	64	440
Total	482	83	565

The Branch was closed on Christmas and New Year's Day.

CLASSIFIED CIRCULATION AT BARR BRANCH.

	Home Issue	Percent
Philosophy	259	.27
Religion	265	.27
Social science	806	.84
Natural science	2,130	2.21
Art	546	.56
Poetry	1,358	1.41
Fiction, regular	36,273	37.59
Collection of Duplicates.....	3,461	3.59
Juvenile Literature	47,186	48.90
Literary Miscellany	1,129	1.17
Travels	1,117	1.16
History	1,129	1.17
Biography	781	.81
Magazines	47	.05
Total	96,487	100.00

ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION.

September	260
October	303
November	1,969
December	655
January	273
February	307
March	168
April	281

Total 4,216 Volumes.

Nine volumes were lost and paid for; none were withdrawn from circulation; 1,565 were sent to the bindery and between 1,000 and 1,500 were repaired at the branch.

BRANCH EXPENDITURES.

Salaries:

Assistants	\$1,331.30	
Janitors	478.29	\$1,809.59
Books	\$3,287.91	
Binding	318.25	
Periodicals	210.52	\$3,816.68
Insurance	188.00	
Printing and stationery	109.61	
Telephone service	78.54	
Janitors' supplies	143.99	
Miscellaneous	68.80	
Electric light and power	519.38	
Coal	181.17	
Water license	139.50	
Sprinkling taxes	6.84	\$1,435.83
Total		\$7,062.10

BARR BRANCH STAFF.

MAY GREENE	Branch Librarian.
FERDINAND HENKE	Assistant.
FRANCES BOWMAN	Children's Librarian.
VERNE BOWLES	Apprentice.
OSCAR KUPFERER	Messenger.

STAFF.

During the past year the library lost the services of Joseph E. Brannigan, who after twelve years of efficient work resigned to enter business. Walter H. Mann and Robert R. Finster also left for commercial fields, while Misses Pattibelle Kirkland and Marie Carraher gave up their places to be married.

The library extends a cordial welcome to Mrs. N. M. DeLaughter, who has returned to the Catalogue Department after an absence of some years,

BARR BRANCH-DELIVERY ROOM

DEDICATION OF THE BARR BRANCH.

Address of F. W. Lehmann, President of the Library Board, at the opening, Sept. 17, 1906.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—

We have met here to-night to make formal dedication of this building to the beneficent uses for which it was designed. To the felicity of the occasion there is wanting the presence of one, who, above all others, should be here, the man under whose care and guidance the Public Library has been for nearly thirty years, and to whose zeal, loyalty, self-sacrifice, intelligence and industry, more than to any other individual agency, are due its growth and development, and the constant increase of its efficiency. On the 17th of January, 1877, Mr. Frederick M. Crunden was appointed librarian of what was then known as the Public School Library, and in that position he has continued to the present day, active always in the discharge of its duties until stricken with disease in the early months of this year. His appointment to the library was a consecration to its service. He devoted his life, and it may be that he has sacrificed his life, to the cause, but the devotion and the sacrifice have not been in vain. His efforts have been crowned with abundant success. The public library, which signified to him the complement and completion of our public educational system, upon the plan and scale of which he dreamed and for which he struggled, is now assured of realization. Could he but be spared until the airy fabric of his visions shall be translated into stone, with grateful heart he would say,

“Lord now lettest thou thy servant depart
In peace, according to thy word;
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.”

It cannot be amiss to recall at this time, as we stand at the threshold of a great change, the various steps and stages in the progress of the Library, and to show what the people have done for it, and what it has done for the people.

Its beginning was in January, 1860, when Ira Divoll, then Superintendent of our public schools, recommended the institution of a library as an integral part of our Public School system. But at that time funds were wanting to the school board, and the Civil War coming on, increased the embarrassment. But Divoll did not relinquish his purpose, and in 1864 proposed a plan which, while it related the library to the school system, did not make it dependent upon public funds for support. This time he was successful. On February 3rd, 1865, the General Assembly of Missouri constituted S. D. Barlow, Ira Divoll, C. F. Childs and their associates a body corporate under the name of the “Public School Library Society of St. Louis,” for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a “Public School Library and Lyceum.” All persons who then were or might thereafter become “directors, officers, teachers or pupils of the St. Louis Public Schools,” were eligible to become life members of the society, with a

voice in its government, upon the payment of twelve dollars. All other persons might become annual subscribers under such regulations as the Board of Trustees prescribed. The terms of annual subscription were fixed by the Board at three dollars. Honorary membership, without the right to vote, could be acquired by a donation of twenty-five dollars in cash or books. The School Board was authorized, but not required, to appropriate five thousand dollars to the uses of the library. No appropriation was made under this authority. The life members might pay their charge at one time, in annual payments of four dollars each, or in quarterly payments of one dollar.

The library was opened in the session room of the School Board in the Darby building, at the corner of Fifth and Olive Streets, with fifteen hundred volumes, made up chiefly of school reports, text books and juvenile literature. When its first report was made on June 1st, 1866, it had received \$8,390.00 in membership fees, \$110.00 in cash donations, \$2,500.00 as the net proceeds of exhibitions, and presents of books valued at \$1,000.00. The report says, "Seven months ago it was a library only in name, and in the hopes of a few zealous friends. To-day it boasts a collection of six thousand volumes of carefully selected works, arranged in commodious book cases, in two large and pleasant rooms."

The report is accompanied by a catalogue of the books, and I heartily endorse the statement that the selection of books was carefully made.

The men who assisted in the first foundation of the library were constant in their friendship, and their names frequently recur in the lists of trustees and committees of later years. I was pleased to note among the auxiliary committee, as a member from the third ward, the name of an honored citizen who has recently gone from us, Dr. Emil Preetorius, whose son, Edward Preetorius, in this respect, as in others, has taken up the work of his father, and is now, and for some years has been, a member of the Board of Directors of the Public Library, cheerfully doing its most laborious work as Chairman of the Auditing Committee.

On the 17th of April, 1869, the Library was transferred to the School Board, and this body agreed to aid its revenues by an annual appropriation of not less than three thousand dollars. The library now contained 12,000 volumes, and was moved to more commodious quarters in the Polytechnic building, at the corner of Seventh and Chestnut streets. The increase in the collection was due in part to purchases, and in part to donations. In the year 1866, the Franklin Library Association donated 1,060 volumes, the German institute 676, and the High school 812.

Under regulations now adopted, all persons who paid twelve dollars, either at one time or in partial payments within a period of three years, and all members or officers of the school board, were entitled to the privilege of the library and reading room for life.

All teachers of the St. Louis schools, and all pupils of the Normal school, were entitled to the privilege of the reading room, and pupils of the Polytechnic Institute who obtained certificates of good deportment and scholarship for one month, were entitled to all the privileges of the library for a period of three months, with the added privilege, if they obtained two or more certificates within a period of three years, of applying them in payment of a life membership at the value of one dollar each. Annual subscriptions were fixed at four dollars.

The first year under the new regime was a fortunate one for the library. It acquired the collection consisting of 5,631 volumes known as the Henry Ames Library of the O'Fallon Polytechnic Institute, and in addition, became the chief beneficiary of a fund of \$100,000, which had been left by Henry Ames for the support of polytechnic instruction and library purposes.

But the library was far from being a public one. Its use was free to a very limited number, and the payment of four dollars a year then required for annual use, or even of twelve dollars to be paid within three years for life membership, excluded from its benefits those who stood in greatest need of them. But gradually the privileges of the library were being extended, and about this time were accorded to the pupils of evening schools as a reward for diligence and punctuality.

In 1874 the library was made free to all persons for all purposes of reading and reference within the rooms, and the appropriation from the school fund for its support was increased from \$5,900 to \$10,400.

With the year 1877, Mr. Crunden came in as Librarian, and found a collection of about 30,000 volumes, which, by the close of the year, was increased to above 39,000. His striving, however, was not alone for the increase of the collection, but more to extend the field of its influence. Under his persuasion, the annual subscription fee was reduced in 1879 from four dollars to three, and in 1883 from three dollars to two. In 1885 there was a further reduction to one dollar for persons under eighteen years of age. And so matters remained until the library was made free.

Restricted as the old library was by the limitations upon its full use, it had, none the less, done a good work and was appreciated by the people. During its first year it had 493 life members and 1,432 annual subscribers, and issued 31,572 volumes. It closed its career as the Public School Library with free reading and reference rooms, with 5,986 members and a total issue of books during its last year amounting to 271,664 volumes. Its collections had grown to 90,000 volumes, and it had become housed in its present quarters on the sixth and seventh floors of the Board of Education building.

On April 4th, 1893, the question of making the library a free and independent institution and of appropriating a tax of one-fifth of a mill on the dollar for its support was submitted to the people, and was carried by a vote of 36,235 to 6,188. The library was opened as a free institution June 1st, 1894. There was at once a great increase in its use. Up to April 30th, 1895, the end of the first year, 26,064 names had been registered. The issue of books during the year was 537,413 volumes, or nearly double the year before.

To the entire independence and the greatest usefulness of the library was wanting a home of its own. The Board of Directors, having now control of its resources, set about to acquire a convenient site for a building, trusting to the voters to secure a sufficient special appropriation for a building. By 1898 they had saved enough to venture upon the purchase of ground. They first acquired 181 feet on the southeast corner of Seventeenth and Locust streets, but concluded that this would not be sufficient for their needs, and so set about to get the entire block from 17th to 18th and Olive to Locust streets. The cost of both tracts, as they came to the Board, was roundly \$510,000, of which about \$50,000 was paid at the time of the purchase, and the rest was carried as an incumbrance. Further payments were made from time to time out of savings in the administration, and about a year ago this heavy incumbrance was discharged altogether. Several attempts in the meantime to get an appropriation for a building failed, for want of the requisite majority at the elections to which they were submitted.

In the year 1901 the Board opened correspondence with Mr. Andrew Carnegie, and were encouraged by this to send the Rev. Dr. Nicolls to New York to see him in person and add the persuasion of his presence to the arguments of the Board in behalf of a donation for an appropriate Library building in the City of St. Louis.

The result was a proposition in March, 1901 by Mr. Carnegie to donate one million dollars, upon condition that—

1. Five hundred thousand of this be used for a main or central building, and five hundred thousand for branches.
2. The City of St. Louis to secure unincumbered sites for the buildings, and
3. An appropriation of \$150,000 annually for the maintenance of the library system.

This required, in the first instance, the approval of the people expressed through a vote authorizing the necessary appropriation of funds. This was given at an election held on April 2nd, 1901, which, by a vote of 73,646 to 10,184, the proceeds of a tax of two-fifths of a mill on the dollar were devoted to the use of the library. This, from the first, produced something in excess of the stipulated amount, and, as the amount will increase with the increase in the assessed valuation of the city, it will prove sufficient for library needs.

The next step was to secure the site for the main building. The Board had the block at Olive and 18th streets, but subject to heavy mortgage, and it would take years with the utmost economy to pay this off. An opportunity presented itself now to get a new and a very much better location. The old Exposition and Music Hall Association found themselves unable to carry out further the purposes of their organization, and agreed to cease operations and yield the ground occupied by them, and which was formerly Missouri Park, provided they could dispose of such property and rights as they had for enough to pay their debts.

In 1902 the Municipal Assembly enacted an ordinance restoring Missouri Park as a Park, and authorizing the Library Board to construct the main or central building therein, conditioned, however, that the rights and property of the old Exposition Company should be secured by or for the Board. To accomplish this required a sum of \$280,000, on which, however, there would be reimbursements from the proceeds of the Exposition Company's property over and above its rights in Missouri Park. Forty five thousand dollars of the \$280,000 was contributed by the Board officially, and the remainder by gentlemen connected with the St. Louis Union Trust Company.

The terms of the city ordinance forbade taking down the Exposition building until after the World's Fair was closed, and when that had come to pass, there was further delay about the main building, first in the view that some company or association would undertake the construction of a new coliseum for which the steel work in the old structure might be utilized, and second that more than a half million dollars might be put into the main library building.

One certainly, and we trust both of these objects, have been realized. The property at Olive and 18th streets has been sold for \$650,000, and this amount will be added to the half million donated by Mr. Carnegie as a building fund for the main structure. The taking down of the old Music Hall and Coliseum will be commenced right after the conclusion of the Horse Show, and next year will see the new library building under way.

It was the intention first to secure donation of sites for the branch buildings, but it has been found that this could not generally be done with due regard to proper locations, and so has been abandoned. When, however, the suggestion was first made, there was an immediate response by Mr. and Mrs. William Barr, who offered this site on the corner of Lafayette and Jefferson avenues, which was recognized at once as a most eligible one, and was gladly accepted, and here the first library building was constructed, and it is to be known as the Barr Branch. The architect is Mr. Theodore Link. The church structure which occupied this ground before was also designed by Mr. Link, and was his first building in this city.

What he has done in the design and construction of the Barr Branch needs no praise from me. Mr. Link belongs to that class of architects

who, like Sir Christopher Wren, need no monuments other than the structures they have reared for the use of their fellow men.

The present plans of the Board contemplate six more branches. One of these is well under way at Union and Cabanne avenues. The site for a third has been bought in Carondelet, and the plans for this are in course of preparation. The financial means for the acquisition of the sites and the construction of the buildings of the other branches are at hand, and the work of constructing the library system will go forward now with such speed as is consistent with the enduring character of the work.

Everything in this world must vindicate its right to be. The utility of the public library, obvious as that would seem to be, is not accepted without challenge. In the view of its founders, it was a necessary supplement to and an appropriate extension of our public educational system, and in that view it has been administered from the beginning. For convenience and efficiency of administration, the School Board and the Library Board are separate institutions, but the purposes of their creation harmonize and indeed are as one. To vindicate the Public Library, as to vindicate the Public School, it is necessary only to witness the work they are doing. Popular approval of the school and the library are shown by the generous support that is given them out of taxes that are self-imposed, and by the increasing use that is made of the facilities they offer. The Public Library of St. Louis enters upon its new era with a collection of 195,000 bound volumes and 50,000 pamphlets, with a registration of 62,230 and an issue of 1,184,801 books annually.

This popular judgment of approval I know is sometimes derided, and a recent critic has said that the reading done in and through the library is but a sort of literary dissipation, the books read being "the small green beer" of our literature. Many others lament the amount of novel reading that is done. Beyond a doubt, the primary purpose in much, if not most of the reading, is recreation. But why should it not be? Most of those who use the Public Library are busy, hard working people, who are in need of recreation, and what can they get more wholesome in every way than good imaginative literature? But there is a constant increase in the use of other books. The demand for works of reference in every branch of science and in the various arts is growing. More novels are read than before, but many more books of other kinds are also read. And this is not the result of compulsion. In the early seventies the Library Board undertook to form the public taste, and novels, except those of Dickens, Scott, Thackeray and a few others, were almost entirely ruled out. The result was that the registry of members and the issue of books fell off so seriously that at the election in 1875 a new Board, pledged to a change of policy, was chosen.

An effort is made to elevate the standard of reading, but entirely by way of suggestion. If Mrs. Holmes or Mrs. Southworth or the Duchess are called for, the book is handed out without a word of disparagement, but in it is placed a list of books, which, without preachment of any kind, are recommended to the reader. This method was devised by Mr. Crunden, and its results have been most excellent. Mrs. Southworth has been almost entirely forgotten, and Mrs. Holmes and the Duchess have lost their friends in troops.

The current novel, in the Public Library as elsewhere, seems to predominate, but this is only seeming. The current novel soon ceases to be current, and long before it has been worn out by use, it encumbers the shelf and is sent to the old book man and sold at any price to make way for something else. But the best books are called for again and again. They are read and reread, until dog-eared and dirty, tattered and torn, even the rag man complains of their condition, and then new copies are bought to take their places.

To find the favorite books for reading in a public library, you must take a period not of weeks or months, but of years. I have had a list made of the twenty novels most called for during the last six years. I give them in order of their popularity.

Hugo	Meredith
Les Misérables.	Diana of the Crossways.
	Ordeal of Richard Feveril.
Dumas	Elliot
Count of Monte Cristo.	Romola.
Three Musketeers.	Mill on the Floss.
Dickens	Churchill
David Copperfield.	Richard Carvel.
	Crisis.
Doyle	Major
Adventures of Sherlock Holmes.	When Knighthood was in Flower.
Clemens	Scott
Tom Sawyer.	Ivanhoe.
	Kenilworth.
Thackeray	Blackmore
Vanity Fair.	Lorna Doone.
Henry Esmond.	
Bulwer	Bronte
Last Days of Pompeii.	Jane Eyre.

The newer books have a factitious advantage. In a later period of six years, some of them would disappear, and old favorites would be in their places. But always you may depend upon it that *Les Misérables*, *David Copperfield*, *Vanity Fair* and *Ivanhoe* would be present.

I would not offer this list as of the twenty best novels. I would eliminate at least half of them, and would substitute some whose authors are not even represented in the list. But about that sort of thing people will always differ. The important thing is that this is a good list, and indicates a high standard of taste. These books are not the small beer of literature, and nobody was ever brought to harm by the reading of them.

In the juvenile department the showing is even better. There in the front rank stand Miss Alcott, Hans Christian Andersen, Grimm, Aesop, Kingsley, the Arabian Nights, Robinson Crusoe and Tom Sawyer.

But statistics are proverbially misleading, and those of the library are no exception. They tell only part of the truth. The public taste is above what the figures of issue would indicate.

It is to be borne in mind that people buy books in these days, as well as draw them from the library. Books are to be found now in nearly every home, and these books, which are the constant possession of the household, must be taken into account. Confined to library statistics, the Bible would seem not to be much read. It is not often drawn for home reading, and at the library is taken down only occasionally for casual reference. But why? It is already in the homes of the humblest, and is read in those homes more than any other book in our language. And what is thus true of the Bible, is measurably true of Shakespeare, Burns, Dickens, Scott, Goethe, Cervantes and the other great writers. People who read, desire to possess the books they cherish most, they want them as every-day companions, and having them as such, there is less occasion for getting them from the library. This must be taken into account in determining what our people like best to read. In truth, the popular standard of taste in library matters is a high one, as attested by the fact that the best books are being continually reproduced in large, unlimited editions. Every attempted re-

vision of the Bible has failed, because the people have a better sense of pure English than the pedants.

Those who watch the work of the library feel sure of its beneficence, and welcome every extension of the field of its influence.

The Library Board was originally chartered for library and lyceum purposes. In its early days its rooms were used for both. The old reports give account of lectures and entertainments under the auspices of the Board. This building recognizes the propriety of the lyceum in connection with the library. The room in which we are gathered is designed for the uses of clubs and societies formed among the people of the neighborhood for literary purposes of every kind.

In the hope and faith that this structure may be the scene and center of pure enjoyment and high endeavor, that it will prove a temple on whose altar is ever glowing the flame at which patriotism may be rekindled and public spirit renewed, we now open its doors to the people, and bid them enter into possession of their own.

BRANCH LIBRARIES.

Of Mr. Carnegie's \$1,000,000 gift one-half was set apart by the donor for the construction of branches. The Library Board agreed to furnish sites for the buildings, to buy the books, and to provide a proper fund for maintenance.

Soon after the close of the World's Fair plans for a first branch were begun, and on Sept. 17, 1906, the completed building was opened to the people. The address delivered on that occasion by Pres. F. W. Lehmann of the Library Board and printed in this report, covers not only the earlier history of the public library, but also the events leading up to the completion of this Barr Branch. It remains only to say therefore that the work done here in the first seven months, as shown in the tables of this report, has been most gratifying to all concerned. It was due to no pressure, to no undue attempts to advertise, or to cater to each temporary demand. The home issue has been simply normal. Regarding the building itself the accompanying views give some impression of its richness and dignity. The main floor particularly, comprising the two reading rooms, stack and delivery rooms, and the librarian's office, is spacious and handsome. The basement, less embellished but thoroughly equipped, contains in addition to toilet rooms, store rooms, and the heating plant, a club room, an auditorium and a retiring room for the staff. The Barr Branch cost about \$72,000.

As this report goes to press the Cabanne Branch, second of the Carnegie buildings, is beginning its work. It was dedicated with simple ceremony on the night of July 27th, in the presence of a large gathering of friends. Pres. F. W. Lehmann spoke for the Library Board and Mr. Saunders Norvell replied in behalf of the neighborhood; the generosity of the Cabanne Library Association provided a band of music and also attractive souvenirs in the form of book marks representing the keys of the library; and in every way the occasion proved itself a happy one.

The Cabanne Branch in its early weeks has repeated the gratifying record of the Barr, both in the registration of new readers and in the issue of books. It is steadily and enthusiastically patronized. This branch, though different in exterior design, is similar to the Barr in size and equipment, and its cost was about \$80,000.

At the present time a third branch, the Carondelet, is about two-thirds completed. The site for a fourth was bought this spring at Seventh and Souldard Streets, and another is being sought in the northern part of the city. This growth will go steadily on until seven branches are finished, when the Carnegie fund will be exhausted and the city, it is hoped, will for the time be adequately served.

BARR BRANCH-CHILDREN'S ROOM

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

By the spring of 1907 the Library Board had accumulated for a central library building about \$1,200,000, including the \$500,000 given by Andrew Carnegie. The site at 13th and Olive was being cleared of the Coliseum and Music Hall and the time had come for the choice of an architect. Late in April therefore, a competition was arranged between nine invited architectural firms, as follows: Carrere & Hastings, Cass Gilbert, Palmer & Hornbostel, and Albert R. Ross of New York; and Barnett, Haynes & Barnett, Eames & Young, Wm. B. Ittner, Mauraan, Russell & Garden, and Theodore C. Link of St. Louis. Six weeks later the drawings were called in and submitted to a jury composed of Walter Cook of New York, Frank Miles Day of Philadelphia, Philip Sawyer of New York, architects; Edwin H. Anderson, Librarian of the State Library, Albany, New York, and John F. Lee, of the St. Louis Public Library Board. The three architects in this body were chosen by vote of the competitors. After a three days' session, in which Mr. Crunden took a part, the jury reported to the library board its ranking of the drawings. The Board, at its meeting on the following day, voted to adopt this recommendation, and to appoint the author of the plans ranked first, architect of the new building. This was found to be Mr. Cass Gilbert of New York.

A spirit of good-will marked the progress of the competition. The superiority of Mr. Gilbert's plans was conceded not only by the jury and the Library Board, but also by the competitors themselves. The make-up of the program and the manner of conducting the competition also seemed to please; for the Board made all concessions possible and pursued throughout a liberal policy. For the excellence of the program and the skilful conduct of the competition from the time of its inception to the day Mr. Gilbert was chosen, the library owes a cordial acknowledgment to its consulting architect, Prof. F. M. Mann of Washington University. No one could have given more sincere and effective service.

Mr. Gilbert, between the time of his selection as architect and the publication of this report, has devoted himself to a detailed restudy of his competition plans.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, }

Before me, the undersigned, a notary public within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Edward L. Preetorius, Chairman of the Auditing Committee of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who, being duly sworn, stated that the statement of receipts and expenditures of the St. Louis Public Library contained in the foregoing report of the Librarian for the two years ending in April 30, 1907, on account of city appropriation and other sources, is true and correct to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) EDW. L. PRETORIUS,
*Chairman Auditing Committee,
St. Louis Public Library.*

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 23d day of October, 1907.

(Seal) (Signed) FRED REIMLER,
*Notary Public,
City of St. Louis.*

My term expires May 30, 1910.

STATE OF MISSOURI, } ss.
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, }

Before the undersigned, a notary public, within and for the City of St. Louis, Mo., appeared Paul Blackwelder, Assistant Librarian of the St. Louis Public Library, who is personally known to me, who, upon being duly sworn, stated that the foregoing report of the St. Louis Public Library is true and correct, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

(Signed) PAUL BLACKWELDER,
Assistant Librarian.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 23d day of October, 1907.

(Seal) FRED REIMLER,
*Notary Public,
City of St. Louis.*

My term expires May 30, 1910.

DONATIONS.

MAY 1, 1905—APRIL 30, 1906.

1857 volumes and 8189 pamphlets were received from 1160 sources.

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Abell (A. S.) Company. Baltimore	1	American Express Co.....	....	1
Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia....	1	American Federation of Labor. Washington.....	....	2
Academy of Science of St. Louis	6	American Free Trade League. Boston .....	....	3
Adams, B. S. St. Louis.....	20	....	American Hide and Leather Co. New York.....	....	4
Adams, C. C. Cromwell, Conn.	3	American Institute of Architects. Washington.....	1	2
Adams, E. K. New York....	2	....	American Institute of Electrical Engineers. New York .....	....	2
Adams Nervine Asylum. Boston	1	American Institute of Homeopathy. New York...	1	....
Adriance Memorial Library. Poughkeepsie	2	American Jewish Historical Soc. New York.....	1	....
Adventure Consolidated Copper Co. New York.....	1	American Library Assoc. Boston .....	....	2
Alabama. Agric. Exp. Sta....	7	American Locomotive Co. New York.....	4	....
— Auditor	6	American Medico-Psychological Assoc.....	1	....
— Convict Bureau	2	American Numismatic and Archaeological Soc. of New York.....	....	1
— Dept. of Insurance.....	2	....	American Pediatric Society. Washington	1	....
— Geological Survey.....	2	American Pneumatic Service Co. St. Louis.....	....	1
— Inspector of Mines.....	5	American Printing House for the Blind. Louisville...	....	1
Albany. Bd. of Education...	1	American Radiator Co. Chicago .....	....	1
Allegheny. Carnegie Library.	1	American Railways Co. Philadelphia .....	....	2
Allen, A. M. New Brighton, Staten Island	3	....	American Social Science Assoc.	1	....
Alliance Israelite Universelle. N. Y. Branch.....	1	American Society of Civil Engineers. New York...	1	1
Allis - Chalmers Company. Milwaukee	9	American Sports Publishing Co. New York.....	....	1
Allyn, E. G. Dubuque, Ia....	2	American Statistical Assoc. Boston .....	....	1
American Arithmometer Co. St. Louis	2	American Type Founders Co. Jersey City.....	7	....
American Art Annual. New York	1	American Unitarian Assoc. Boston .....	....	13
American Bankers Assoc. New York	2	American Woolen Co. Boston . ....	....	2
American Baptist Missionary Union. Boston	1	American Writing Paper Co. Holyoke, Mass.....	....	6
American Bell Telephone Co. Boston	15	Amherst College. Amherst, Mass. ....	....	2
American Board of Commrs. for Foreign Missions. Boston	23			
American Book Co. Chicago.	1			
American Civic Assoc. Philadelphia	24			
American Congregational Assoc. Boston	2			
American Cotton Oil Co. New York.....	15			
American Economic Assoc. Baltimore	1			

	Vols.	Pphs.		Vols.	Pphs.
Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co. of Mass. Boston	1	....	Benneville, J. S. de. Yokohama, Japan.....	....	1
Andover Theological Seminary.. Andover, Mass....	....	1	Benton College of Law. St. Louis .....	....	1
Andrews (A. H.) Co. Chicago .....	....	3	Berlin. Statistisches Amt...	1	1
Anonymous	7	23	Bibliographical Society of America. Chicago.....	....	1
Anti-Imperialist League. Boston .....	....	3	Bigelow Free Public Library. Clinton, Mass.....	....	3
Archaeological Institute of America. Boston.....	....	1	Birmingham, Eng. Free Libraries Com.....	....	1
Arkansas. Bur. of Mines....	....	1	Bishop (H. R.) Estate. Executors	2	....
— Railroad Comm'n	5	....	Bixby, W. K. St. Louis....	2	1
— Secretary of State....	1	....	Blackburn, Eng. Free Library .....	....	1
— Supt. of Public Instruction	4	....	Blackwelder, P. St. Louis..	1	....
Arlington Street Church. Boston .....	....	14	Bland, Mrs. R. P. Lebanon, Mo.	1	....
Armour Institute of Technology. Chicago.....	....	1	Blanke, C. F. St. Louis....	1	....
Art Students League of New York .....	....	1	Blewett, B. St. Louis.....	4	9
Asheville. Bd. of Trade....	....	2	Bodleian Library. Oxford, Eng.	6	....
Ashton - under - Lyne. Eng. Public Free Library....	....	1	Boehmer (G. H.) Shoe Co. St. Louis.....	....	1
Associated Charities of Boston .....	....	1	Bolton, Eng. Public Libraries Com.....	....	1
Association of Officials of Bur. of Labor Statistics of America.....	....	1	Bonne Terre, Mo. Memorial Library .....	....	1
Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway Co. Topeka .....	....	2	Boston. Auditor.....	1	....
Atlanta. Carnegie Library..	....	13	— Cemetery Dept.....	....	1
Atlantic City. Free Public Library .....	....	4	— Chamber of Commerce.	1	....
Atlantic Mining Co. New York .....	....	1	— Children's Hospital....	....	11
Atlas Portland Cement Co. New York .....	....	1	— City Registry Dept....	7	....
Auxiliary Educational League. Boston .....	....	2	— Commr. of Public Records .....	....	1
Avery (B. F.) & Sons. Louisville .....	....	3	— Dept. of Parks.....	....	1
Ayr. Carnegie Public Library. Ayrshire, Scotland .....	....	1	— Harbor and Land Com-mrs.	1	....
Baillie's Institution Free Ref. Library. Glasgow.....	....	1	— Health Dept.....	....	14
Baker, H. M. Concord, N. H. ....	....	2	— Improved Dwellings Assoc. ....	....	1
Baltimore. Chamber of Commerce	1	....	— Mayor .....	....	16
Baltimore & Ohio S. W. Railroad. Cincinnati....	....	12	— Museum of Fine Arts..	....	7
Bangor. Public Library....	....	1	— Overseers of the Poor..	....	2
Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Co. Bangor.....	....	9	— Provident Assoc.....	....	2
Barnes Medical College. St. Louis .....	....	2	— Public Library.....	....	14
Bates, Rev. N. W. West Bloomfield, N. Y.....	....	1	— School Committee.....	3	24
Bates, W. H. Webster Groves, Mo.....	1	....	Boston & Maine Railroad. Boston .....	....	22
Bates College. Lewiston, Me. ....	....	3	Boston & Worcester Electric Co. Boston.....	....	1
Battersea. Public Libraries. London .....	....	1	Boston Athenaeum. Boston..	....	1
Beer, W. New Orleans.....	....	1	Boston Book Co. Boston....	....	6
Belgium. Ministere de l'Agriculture .....	....	3	Boston Elevated Railway Co. Boston .....	....	1
— Ministere de l'Industrie et du Travail.....	....	2	Boston Transit Commission. Boston	1	....
Belleville. Public Library..	....	2	Bowdoin College. Brunswick, Me. ....	....	6
Bellevue and Allied Hospitals. New York.....	1	....	Boyden, E. M. B. Chicago..	2	....
			Braddock, Pa. Carnegie Free Library .....	....	1
			Bradford, Pa. Carnegie Public Library .....	....	2
			Brainard, W. F. New York	1	....
			Brannigan, J. E. St. Louis..	....	4
			Braumueller, W. Vienna....	1	....
			Breslau. Handelskammer....	....	1
			Brigham, C. S. Providence..	1
			Brighton, Eng. Public Library	1
			Bristol, Eng. Public Libraries	1

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	Vols.	Ppms.		Vols.	Ppms.
British Columbia. Minister of Mines	3	Carthage, Mo. Public Library	3
Bromley. Public Library. Kent, Eng.....	3	Catholic Indian Missions. Washington	6
Brookline, Mass. Public Library	7	Catholic University of America. Washington	12
Brooklyn. Public Library...	14	Cedar Rapids, Ia. Public Library	1
Brooklyn Institute of Arts and Sciences	1	9	Central Conference of American Rabbis. New York	1
Brooklyn Rapid Transit Co.	7	Century Company. New York	6
Brown & Sharpe Mfg. Co. Providence	1	Century Theatre. St. Louis..	70
Brown's Business College. Jacksonville, Ill.....	1	Chapman & Hall. London..	1
Bryan, Miss G. St. Louis.....	3	Charity Organization Society. Buffalo	3
Bryan, Dr. W. M. C. St. Louis	3	Chautauqua Institution. Chautauqua, New York.....	6
Bryant, W. S. New York....	17	Chesapeake & Ohio Railway Co. Richmond, Va.....	9
Bryn Mawr College. Bryn Mawr, Pa.....	1	Chicago. Bd. of Trade.....	1
Buchmueller, S. St. Louis...	13	— Civil Service Comm'n.. ..	1
Buffalo. Chamber of Commerce	3	— Fire Dept.....	1
— Public Library.....	4	— Health Dept.....	53
Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh Railway Co. New York	1	— Public Library.....	15
Bunker Hill Boys' Club. Boston	3	Chicago & Alton Railroad Co. Chicago.....	1
Bunker Hill Monument Assoc. Boston.....	2	Chicago & Northwestern Railway Co. Chicago...	2
Burlington, Ia. City Council	1	Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad Co. Chicago	12
Burrows Brothers Co. Cleveland	4	Chicago Great Western Railway Co. St. Paul.....	1
Burroughs Adding Machine Co. Detroit.....	1	Chicago Historical Assoc. Chicago	1	3
California. Adjutant General	1	1	Chicago Public Library Employees' Pension Fund...	1
— State Library.....	4	Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway Co.....	5
California State Realty Federation. Berkeley.....	1	Christ Church. Woman's Alliance. Dorchester, Mass.	1
Cambria Steel Co. Philadelphia	5	Churchill, Col. J. O. St. Louis	2
Cambridge, Mass. Public Library	14	Cincinnati. Public Library..	12
Cambridge University. Cambridge, Eng.....	1	Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton Railway Co. Cincinnati	1
Campbell-Hagerman College. Lexington, Ky.....	1	City Club of New York.....	59
Canada. Dept. of Agriculture	24	Civic Improvement League of St. Louis.....	6
— Auditor General.....	5	Clark, Hon. C. Washington.	4
— Census Office.....	1	Clarke, D. New York.....	1
— Dept. of Customs.....	1	Clay, G. Mexico, Mo.....	1
— Dept. of Railways and Canals	2	Cleveland. Chamber of Commerce	1
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